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India on Sunday won their maiden ICC title in women's cricket as a bunch of sprightly and talented teenagers lifted the inaugural U-19 World Cup with an emphatic seven-wicket victory over England. The Shafali Verma-led squad managed to do what their seniors could not and cleared the final hurdle in a global event with elan. India first bundled out England for 68 in 17.1 overs and then returned to knock off the paltry target in 14 overs to lift the coveted trophy | **P13**

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ADANI ENTERPRISES LIMITED

Our Company was originally established as a partnership firm in 1988. Our Company was, thereafter, registered and incorporated in Ahmedabad, Gujarat as 'Adani Exports Limited' on March 2, 1993, as a company limited by shares pursuant to Part IX of the Companies Act, 1956 and pursuant to a certificate of incorporation issued by the Registrar of Companies, Gujarat at Ahmedabad (**"RoC"**). A certificate of commencement of business was issued by the RoC on March 4, 1993. Subsequently, the name of our Company was changed to 'Adani Enterprises Limited' pursuant to a resolution of our Board of Directors passed on May 20, 2006 and subsequently a resolution of our Shareholders was passed on July 29, 2006 and to reflect the changes in our business strategies. Consequently, a fresh certificate of incorporation was issued by the RoC on August 10, 2006. For further details in relation to the changes in our name and the registered office of our Company, see *"History and Certain Corporate Matters - Brief history of our Company"* and *"History and Certain Corporate Matters - Changes in the registered office of our Company"* on page 228 of the Red Herring Prospectus dated January 18, 2023 (**"RHP"**).

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THE PROMOTERS OF OUR COMPANY ARE GAUTAM S. ADANI AND RAJESH S. ADANI

FURTHER PUBLIC OFFERING OF UP TO [●] PARTLY PAID-UP EQUITY SHARES OF FACE VALUE OF ₹1 EACH ("FPO EQUITY SHARES") OF ADANI ENTERPRISES LIMITED ("COMPANY") FOR CASH AT A PRICE# OF ₹ [●] PER FPO EQUITY SHARE (INCLUDING A PREMIUM OF ₹ [●] PER FPO EQUITY SHARE) ("OFFER PRICE") AGGREGATING UP TO ₹ 20,000 CRORE* BY WAY OF A FRESH ISSUE (THE "OFFER"). THE OFFER INCLUDES A RESERVATION OF UP TO [●] FPO EQUITY SHARES, AGGREGATING UP TO ₹ 50 CRORE, FOR SUBSCRIPTION BY ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES NOT EXCEEDING 5% OF OUR POST-OFFER PAID-UP EQUITY SHARE CAPITAL ("EMPLOYEE RESERVATION PORTION"). THE OFFER LESS THE EMPLOYEE RESERVATION PORTION IS HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE "NET OFFER". THE OFFER AND NET OFFER SHALL CONSTITUTE [●]% AND [●]%, OF THE POST-OFFER PAID-UP EQUITY SHARE CAPITAL OF OUR COMPANY, RESPECTIVELY.

#RETAIL DISCOUNT OF ₹64 TO THE OFFER PRICE WILL BE OFFERED TO RETAIL INDIVIDUAL BIDDERS.

**ASSUMING FULL SUBSCRIPTION AND ALLOTMENT AND RECEIPT OF ALL CALL MONIES WITH RESPECT TO THE FPO EQUITY SHARES*

The Offer is being made in accordance with Regulation 155 and 129(1) of the SEBI ICDR Regulations | QIB Portion: Not more than 50% of the Net Offer | Non-Institutional Portion: Not less than 15% of the Net Offer | Retail Portion: Not less than 35% of the Net Offer Employee Reservation Portion: Upto [•] FPO Equity Shares aggregating up to ₹ 50 crores | A Discount of ₹ 64 per FPO Equity Share is being offered to Retail Individual Bidders bidding in the retail portion

PRICE BAND: ₹ 3,112 TO ₹ 3,276 PER FPO EQUITY SHARE OF FACE VALUE OF ₹1 EACH.
THE FLOOR PRICE IS 3,112.00 TIMES THE FACE VALUE OF THE FPO EQUITY SHARES AND THE CAP PRICE IS 3,276.00 TIMES THE FACE VALUE OF THE FPO EQUITY SHARES.
BIDS CAN BE MADE FOR A MINIMUM OF 4 FPO EQUITY SHARES AND IN MULTIPLES OF 4 FPO EQUITY SHARES THEREAFTER.

THE ABOVE PRICE BAND IS FOR A FULL FPO EQUITY SHARE HAVING FACE VALUE OF ₹ 1 EACH, OF WHICH 50% OF THE AMOUNT IS PAYABLE AT THE TIME OF THE APPLICATION AND BALANCE AMOUNT WILL BE PAID IN ONE OR MORE SUBSEQUENT CALL(S) AS DETERMINED BY THE COMPANY'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS OR A DULY AUTHORISED COMMITTEE THEREOF AT ITS SOLE DISCRETION, FROM TIME TO TIME. ACCORDINGLY, AT THE TIME OF THE APPLICATION, INVESTORS ARE REQUIRED TO PAY THE APPLICATION BID AMOUNT (i.e. BID LOT X 50% OF THE PRICE OF THE FULL FPO EQUITY SHARE).

Payment Schedule for FPO Equity Shares		
	At Floor Price (₹)	At Cap Price (₹)
On Application	1,556.00*	1,638.00*
One or more subsequent call(s)	1,556.00	1,638.00
Total (₹)	3,112.00	3,276.00

** Constitutes 50% of the Floor/ Cap Price.*

In accordance with the recommendation of a Committee of Independent Directors of the Company, pursuant to their resolution dated January 18, 2023 the above provided price band is justified based on quantitative factors/ KPIs disclosed in 'Basis for the Offer Price' section vis-à-vis the WACA of primary issuances/ secondary transactions disclosed in 'Basis for the Offer Price' section provided in the RHP.

RISKS TO INVESTORS

- **The weighted average cost of acquisition (WACA) of all Equity Shares transacted in the last 1 year, 18 months and 3 years preceding the date of the RHP:***

Period	WACA per Equity Share (in ₹)	Cap Price (₹ 3,276) is 'x' times the WACA	Range of acquisition price per Equity Share: lowest price - highest price (in ₹)
Last 1 year	2,884.83	1.14	1,564.31 - 4,125.20
Last 18 months	2,317.45	1.41	1,360.97 - 4,125.20
Last 3 years	1,104.57	2.97	124.76 - 4,125.20

** As certified by M/s. Shah Dhandaria and Co, LLP, Chartered Accountants, by way of their certificate dated January 18, 2023*

** We are not aware of any off-market secondary transactions of Equity Shares*

- **We expect our expenses to increase in the future as we continue to expand our operations and increase our investments in new business verticals, which will place significant demands on our management and our operational and financial resources, and if we fail to manage the growth of our existing businesses and to capitalize on our growth opportunities effectively, our business and results of operations may be adversely affected. In Fiscals 2022, 2021, 2020 and the six months ended September 30, 2022 and 2021, our integrated resource management business contributed 69.4%, 59.4%, 70.1%, 78.0% and 69.4% of our total income, and our mining services business contributed 3.9%, 5.0%, 4.2%, 4.3% and 4.4% of our total income, respectively. Additionally, we ramped up our airports operations and it contributed 3.2% of our total income in the six months ended September 30, 2022. Our other businesses are at various stages of development and in line with our strategy we intend to expand, diversify and develop these businesses.**
- **Limited operating history of certain businesses: Some of our businesses, such as defence (started in 2017), airports (started in 2019), roads (started in 2018), data centers (first data center commissioned in October 2022), digital, water management, commercial mining, industrials manufacturing, among others and metals and manufacturing have limited operating histories, and may not serve as an adequate basis to evaluate our future prospects, results of operations and cash flows.**
- **Our integrated resource management business primarily depends on an increasing demand for imported coal in India and our ability to maintain a diverse supplier base.**
- **Certain companies within the Adani group are involved in various legal, regulatory and other proceedings. For instance, the Investigations Department of SEBI had approached our Company and certain companies within the Adani group (Adani Ports And Special Economic Zone Limited, Adani Total Gas Limited and Adani Transmission Limited, Adani Global Limited) for certain information and documents, and these requests have been responded by them to SEBI. In case any proceedings are initiated or adversely determined against them, it could have an adverse impact on our business and reputation.**
- **Our Promoter Group does not include certain immediate relatives of the spouses of our Promoters (which is in line with our historical practice), and relevant confirmations relating to them are based on publicly available information.**
- **The P/E ratio based on the cap price of ₹ 3,276 per FPO Equity Share and the diluted EPS for FY2022 of ₹7.06 per equity share is 464.02 times and may not be indicative of market price on listing or thereafter.**
- **Weighted average cost of acquisition (WACA) based on the last five primary issuances or secondary transactions, not older than three years prior to the date of the RHP, is as below:**

Past Transactions	WACA per Equity Share (in ₹)^	Floor Price (₹ 3,112) is 'x' times the WACA	Cap Price (₹ 3,276) is 'x' times the WACA
WACA of primary issuances	1,915.85	1.62	1.71
WACA of secondary issuances*	3,624.18	0.86	0.90

** We are not aware of any off-market secondary transactions of Equity Shares*

^ The above is basis the details of the last five primary issuances (excluding Equity Shares issued under ESOP/ESOS and issuance of bonus Equity Shares, as applicable) or secondary transactions (secondary transactions where Promoters, members of the Promoter Group, or Shareholder(s) having the right to nominate Director(s) on our Board, are a party to the transaction), not older than three years prior to the date of the RHP irrespective of the size of transactions.

- **The 10 BRLMs associated with the Offer have handled 97 public issues in the past three years, out of which 34 issues closed below the Offer Price on listing date :**

Name of BRLMs	Total Issues	Issues closed below IPO Price as on listing date
ICICI Securities Limited	7	1
Axis Capital Limited	8	3
IDBI Capital Markets & Securities Limited	1	1
IIFL Securities Limited	10	4
JM Financial Limited	4	-
Common Issues of all BRLMs	67	25
Total	97	34

BID/OFFER PROGRAMME

BID/OFFER OPEN

BID/OFFER CLOSES ON : TUESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2023*

** UPI mandate end time and date shall be at 5.00 p.m. on the Bid/Offer Closing Date.*

In case of any revision to the Price Band, the Bid/Offer Period will be extended by at least three additional Working Days following such revision of the Price Band, subject to the Bid/Offer Period not exceeding 10 Working Days. In cases of force majeure, banking strike or similar circumstances, our Company in consultation with the Book Running Lead Managers, for reasons to be recorded in writing, extend the Bid/Offer Period for a minimum of three Working Days, subject to the Bid/Offer Period not exceeding 10 Working Days. Any revision in the Price Band and the revised Bid/Offer Period, if applicable, will be widely disseminated by notification to the Stock Exchanges, by issuing a public notice, and also by indicating the change on the respective websites of the Book Running Lead Managers and at the terminals of the members of the Syndicate and by intimation to the Designated Intermediaries and the Sponsor Banks, as applicable.

The Offer is being made in terms of Regulation 155 of the SEBI ICDR Regulations. The Offer is being made in accordance with Regulation 129(1) of the SEBI ICDR Regulations and through a book building process wherein not more than 50% of the Net Offer shall be allotted on a proportionate basis to Qualified Institutional Buyers ("**QIBs**", and such portion, the "**QIB Portion**"). Our Company in consultation with the Book Running Lead Managers, may allocate up to 60% of the QIB Portion to Anchor Investors on a discretionary basis in accordance with the SEBI ICDR Regulations ("**Anchor Investor Portion**"), out of which at least one-third shall be reserved for allocation to domestic Mutual Funds only, subject to valid Bids being received from the domestic Mutual Funds at or above the Anchor Investor Allocation Price, in accordance with the SEBI ICDR Regulations. In the event of under- subscription, or non-allocation in the Anchor Investor Portion, the balance FPO Equity Shares shall be added to the portion of the QIB Portion less the number of Equity Shares Allotted to the Anchor Investors ("**Net QIB Portion**"). Further, 5% of the Net QIB Portion shall be available for allocation on a proportionate basis to Mutual Funds only, and the remainder of the QIB Portion shall be available for allocation on a proportionate basis to all QIB Bidders other than Anchor Investors, including Mutual Funds, subject to valid Bids being received at or above the Offer Price. However, if the aggregate demand from Mutual Funds is less than 5% of the Net QIB Portion, the balance FPO Equity Shares available for allocation will be added to the remaining QIB Portion for proportionate allocation to QIBs. Further, not less than 15% of the Net Offer shall be available for allocation to Non-Institutional Bidders, in accordance with Regulation 129(1) of the SEBI ICDR Regulations, out of which (a) one third of such portion shall be reserved for Bidders with Bids exceeding ₹2,00,000 up to ₹10,00,000; and (b) two-third of such portion shall be reserved for applicants with Bids exceeding ₹10,00,000, provided that the unsubscribed portion in either of such sub-categories may be allocated to applicants in the other sub-category of Non-Institutional Bidders in accordance with the SEBI ICDR Regulations, subject to valid Bids being received at or above the Offer Price. Further, not less than 35% of the Net Offer shall be available for allocation to Retail Individual Bidders ("**RIBs**") in accordance with the SEBI ICDR Regulations, subject to valid Bids being received at or above the Offer Price. All potential Bidders, other than Anchor Investors, are required to mandatorily utilise the Application Supported by Blocked Amount ("**ASBA**") process by providing details of their respective bank account (including UPI ID in case of UPI Bidders) in which the corresponding Bid Amounts will be blocked by the SCSBs, or by the Sponsor Banks under the UPI Mechanism, as applicable to participate in the Offer. Anchor Investors are not permitted to participate in the Anchor Investor Portion through the ASBA process. For details, see *"Offer Procedure"* on page 698 of the RHP. The FPO Equity Shares have not been and will not be registered under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended ("U.S. Securities Act") or any state securities laws in the United States, and unless so registered may not be offered or sold within the United States, except pursuant to an exemption from, or in a transaction not subject to, the registration requirements of the U.S. Securities Act and applicable state securities laws. Accordingly, such Equity Shares are being offered and sold (i) outside of the United States in offshore transactions in reliance on Regulation S under the U.S. Securities Act and the applicable laws of the jurisdiction where those offers and sales occur; and (ii) to "qualified institutional buyers" (as defined in Rule 144A under the U.S. Securities Act) in transactions exempt from the registration requirements under the U.S. Securities Act. The FPO Equity Shares have not been and will not be registered, listed or otherwise qualified in any other jurisdiction outside India and may not be offered or sold, and Bids may not be made by persons in any such jurisdiction, except in compliance with the applicable laws of such jurisdiction.

Bidders/ Applicants should ensure that DP ID, PAN, Client ID and UPI ID (for UPI Bidders bidding through the UPI mechanism) are correctly filled in the Bid cum Application Form. The DP ID, PAN and Client ID provided in the Bid cum Application Form should match with the DP ID, PAN, Client ID available in the Depository database, otherwise, the Bid cum Application Form is liable to be rejected. Bidders/ Applicants should ensure that the beneficiary account provided in the Bid cum Application Form is active. Bidders/Applicants should note that on the basis of the PAN, DP ID, Client ID and UPI ID (for UPI Bidders bidding through the UPI mechanism) as provided in the Bid cum Application Form, the Bidder/Applicant may be deemed to have authorised the Depositories to provide to the Registrar to the Offer, any requested Demographic Details of the Bidder/Applicant as available on the records of the depositories. These Demographic Details may be used, among other things, for giving Allotment Advice or unblocking of ASBA Account or for other correspondence(s) related to the Offer. Bidders/Applicants are advised to update any changes to their Demographic Details as available in the records of the Depository Participant to ensure accuracy of records. Any delay resulting from failure to update the Demographic Details would be at the Bidders'/Applicants' sole risk. Investors must ensure that their PAN is linked with Aadhaar and are in compliance with CBDT notification dated Feb 13, 2020 and press release dated June 25, 2021.

CONTENTS OF THE MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION OF THE COMPANY AS REGARDS ITS OBJECTS: For information on the main objects of the Company, please see the section *"History and Certain Corporate Matters"* on page 228 of the RHP. The Memorandum of Association of the Company is a material document for inspection in relation to the Offer. For further details, please see the section entitled *"Material Contracts and Documents for Inspection"* on page 723 of the RHP.

LIABILITY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE COMPANY: Limited by shares

AMOUNT OF SHARE CAPITAL OF THE COMPANY AND CAPITAL STRUCTURE: As on the date of the RHP, the authorised share capital of the Company is ₹ 4,90,42,00,000 divided into 4,85,92,00,000 Equity Shares of ₹ 1 each and 45,00,000 preference shares of ₹10 each. The issued, subscribed and paid-up share capital of the Company is ₹ 1,14,00,01,121 divided into 1,14,00,01,121 Equity Shares of ₹ 1 each. For details, please see the section entitled *"Capital Structure"* beginning on page 79 of the RHP.

NAMES OF THE INITIAL SIGNATORIES TO THE MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION OF THE COMPANY AND THE NUMBER OF EQUITY SHARES SUBSCRIBED BY THEM: The initial signatories to the Memorandum of Association are Mahasukh S. Adani, Vinod S. Adani, Vasant S. Adani, Gautam S. Aadani, Rajesh S. Adani, Suvarna M. Adani, Pritiben G. Adani, Ranjan Vinodbhai Adani, Pushpa V. Adani and Shilin R. Adani. For details of the share capital history and capital structure of our Company, please see the section entitled *"Capital Structure"* beginning on page 79 of the RHP.

LISTING: The Equity shares are listed on BSE and NSE. The FPO Equity Shares offered through the Red Herring Prospectus are proposed to be listed on the Stock Exchanges. Our Company has received 'in-principle' approvals from BSE and NSE for the listing of the FPO Equity Shares pursuant to letters dated January 17, 2023. For the purposes of the Offer, NSE is the Designated Stock Exchange.

DISCLAIMER CLAUSE OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE BOARD OF INDIA ("SEBI"): SEBI only gives its observations on the offer documents and this does not constitute approval of either the Offer or the specified securities or the offer document. The investors are advised to refer to page 669-670 of the RHP for the full text of the disclaimer clause of SEBI.

DISCLAIMER CLAUSE OF BSE : It is to be distinctly understood that the permission given by BSE should not in any way be deemed or construed that the RHP has been cleared or approved by BSE nor does it certify the correctness or completeness of any of the contents of the RHP. The investors are advised to refer to page 670 of the RHP for the full text of the disclaimer clause of BSE.

DISCLAIMER CLAUSE OF NSE (DESIGNATED STOCK EXCHANGE) : It is to be distinctly understood that the permission given by NSE should not in any way be deemed or construed that the Offer Document has been cleared or approved by NSE nor does it certify the correctness or completeness of any of the contents of the Offer Document. The investors are advised to refer to page 670 of the RHP for the full text of the disclaimer clause of NSE.

GENERAL RISK: Investments in equity and equity-related securities involve a degree of risk and Bidders should not invest any funds in the Offer unless they can afford to take the risk of losing their investment. Bidders are advised to read the risk factors carefully before taking an investment decision in the Offer. For taking an investment decision, Bidders must rely on their own examination of our Company and the Offer, including the risks involved. The FPO Equity Share have neither been recommended, nor approved by the SEBI, nor does SEBI guarantee the accuracy or adequacy of the contents of the Red Herring Prospectus. Specific attention of the Bidders is invited to *"Risk Factors"* on page 26 of the RHP.

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**As this is an Offer of partly paid up FPO Equity Shares, the Application Bid Amount payable is up to ₹ 250,000*

ASBA has to be availed by all the investors except anchor investors. UPI may be availed by Retail Individual Investors. For details on the ASBA and UPI process, please refer to the details given in ASBA form and abridged prospectus and also please refer to the section "Offer Procedure" beginning on page 698 of the Red Herring Prospectus. The process is also available on the website of Association of Investment Bankers of India ("**AIBI**") and BSE Limited ("BSE") and National Stock Exchange of India Limited ("NSE", and together with BSE, the "Stock Exchanges") and in the General Information Document. ASBA bid-cum-application forms can be downloaded from the websites of Stock Exchanges and can be obtained from the list of banks that is displayed on the website of SEBI at www.sebi.gov.in/sebiweb/other/ OtherAction.do?doRecognisedFpi=yes&intmId=35 and https://www.sebi.gov.in/sebiweb/other/OtherAction.do?doRecognisedFpi=yes&intmId=43, respectively as updated from time to time. For the list of UPI apps and banks live on FPO, please refer to the link: www.sebi.gov.in. UPI Bidders Bidding using the UPI mechanism may apply through the SCSBs and mobile applications whose names appear on the website of SEBI, as updated from time to time. Axis Bank Limited and ICICI Bank has been appointed as the Sponsor Banks for the Offer, in accordance with the requirements of the SEBI Circular dated November 1, 2018 as amended. For offer related queries, please contact the BRLMs on their respective email IDs as mentioned below. For UPI related queries, investors can contact NPCI at the toll free number: 18001201740 and mail Id: fpo.upi@npci.org.in.

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Bidders can contact the Compliance Officer or the Registrar to the Offer in case of any pre-Offer or post-Offer related problems such as non-receipt of Allotment Advice/letter of Allotment, non-credit of Allotted Units in the respective beneficiary account, non-receipt of refund orders and non-receipt of funds by electronic mode.

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On behalf of the Board of Directors
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Company Secretary and Compliance Officer

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NOVAK'S ARCH: 22 SLAMS

Novak Djokovic won a record-equalling 22nd Grand Slam title with a win over Stefanos Tsitsipas of Greece in the Australian Open final on Sunday.

FOR THE SERB, IT'S THE 'BIGGEST VICTORY IN MY LIFE'

An emotional Djokovic called it "the biggest victory in my life" after beating Tsitsipas 6-3, 7-6 (4), 7-6 (5). This was his 10th Oz Open title and he equalled Rafael Nadal's 22 Grand Slam crowns. He overcame a hamstring injury and off-court drama to defeat the Greek. The emphatic win capped a remarkable return to Melbourne Park, having missed last year's event when he was deported over his Covid vaccination stance | P13

TEARS OF JOY AFTER TESTING TIMES

- The 35-year-old climbed to his player's box afterwards to embrace his mother and broke down in uncontrollable tears, collapsing to the ground sobbing.
- The Serb will return to World No 1 when rankings are released. This is his 10th Australian Open title, highest among Majors

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NADAL AND DJOKOVIC HAVE WON 16 OF THE LAST 19 SLAMS.

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Congress leader Rahul Gandhi unfurls the tricolour with party leaders on the last day of 'Bharat Jodo Yatra' at the historical Lal Chowk, in Srinagar on Sunday | PTI

Rahul unfurls nat'l flag at Lal Chowk

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

CONGRESS leader Rahul Gandhi on Sunday said there has been no improvement in the security situation in Jammu & Kashmir with targeted killings and bomb blasts still taking place. "If the situation is so good, why doesn't Home Minister Amit Shah walk from Jammu to Srinagar?" he said after concluding his 135-day Bharat Jodo Yatra in Srinagar.

Accompanied by his sister Priyanka Gandhi-Vadra and other party leaders including K C Venugopal, he also unfurled the tricolour at Srinagar's historic city centre, Lal Chowk. The Congress plans to hold a mega power show in Srinagar on Monday to mark culmination of the yatra. The party has invited leaders of 23 parties for the rally.

Talking to reporters in Srinagar, Rahul also called for dealing firmly with China saying the Chinese have taken over 2,000 sq km Indian territory. "It is very clear that they are sitting on our land and it is not something that we are going to tolerate," he said.

Targeting Prime Minister Narendra Modi, he said the PM is the only person who believes China has not taken any land from India. "I recently met some ex-army people and a delegation of Ladakhis and they have clearly said 2,000 sq kms have been taken over by Chinese. They said many patrolling points that used to be in Indian territory are now firmly in Chinese hands".

Asked about the positive changes in Jammu and Kashmir after the abrogation of Article 370, he said: "I met people of Jammu, Ladakh and Kashmir. Nobody was excited about what's going on in J&K. I did not meet anybody who was happy."

The people of J&K, he said, are in pain and the Congress is of the view that restoration of statehood and democratic process is fundamental and very important.

Modi made it possible, says BJP

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has created such an atmosphere in Kashmir that any Indian can hoist the national flag with pride at Lal Chowk in Srinagar, the BJP said on Sunday

Odisha health minister shot by cop, dies

Naba Kishore Das shot on the left side of his chest by an ASI as he was stepping out of the car to attend BJD event

ASISH MEHTA/MAYANK BHUSAN PANI @ Bhubaneswar/Jharsuguda

ODISHA health and family welfare minister Naba Kishore Das died at a private hospital in Bhubaneswar on Sunday, hours after he was shot at by a policeman at Brajarajnagar, about 350 km from the state capital.

Das, a powerful leader of western Odisha and a Biju Janata Dal (BJD) strongman, was alighting from his vehicle near Gandhi Chowk at Brajrajnagar when Gopal Das, an assistant sub-inspector (ASI) of police, posted in the town, fired at him around 12.15 pm.

The bullet hit Das on the left side of his chest as he was stepping out of the vehicle. He collapsed before his security detail could realise what had happened. Gopal fired at least two more times but was overpowered by police personnel and workers of BJD who had gathered to receive the 61-year-old minister at a party event.

Das was immediately rushed to the district headquarters hospital of Jharsuguda before being airlifted in a chartered flight to Bhubaneswar where he was admitted to Apollo Hospital. In a statement, the hospital management said the health minister was admitted with a gunshot wound on the left side of his chest. A team of doctors immediately attended him and performed a surgery. "During operation, the doctors found a single bullet had penetrated the minister's chest and exited his body. The gunshot had injured his heart along with left lung and causing massive internal bleeding," the statement said. The injuries were treated and steps were taken to improve the pumping of his heart and Das was immediately provided ICU care, but despite making best efforts, he could not be revived and he succumbed, the hospital authorities informed.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed grief. "Saddened by the unfortunate demise of Minister in Odisha Government, Shri Naba Kishore Das Ji. Condolences to his family in this tragic hour. Om Shanti *(sic)*," the Prime Minister tweeted.

Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik, who visited Apollo Hospital twice in the day, said, "I am shocked and distressed."

Patnaik ordered the Crime Branch to probe the incident. A seven-member team comprising of cyber and ballistic experts flew to Brajarajnagar.

While the motive behind the shooting is not yet known, ASI Gopal's wife told mediapersons that her husband was suffering from mental health issues. He was also under medication for some time.

Odisha Health Minister Naba Kishore Das being rushed to hospital after he was shot at by a policeman on Sunday | PTI

Naba Kishore Das

Gopal Das

EXPRESS READ

NIA attaches Hurriyat Conference office in Srinagar

Srinagar: After a special court order, NIA on Sunday attached the building housing separatist Hurriyat Conference's HQs in Srinagar in connection with a terror funding case. The action in an UAPA case being probed by NIA against separatist leader Nayeem Ahmad Khan, who is a co-owner of the building.

Priest chops off tongue to offer it to deity in Ballari

Hubballi: A 33-year-old priest chopped off his tongue on Sunday with a knife to offer it to a deity. Veeresh N carried the portion of his tongue to a hospital and got himself admitted. The incident took place in Siruguppa taluk in Ballari district. Doctors at VIMS said, "He is out of danger after undergoing a surgery."

Military canteen-like mart for state govt staffers soon

ASHWINI M SRIPAD @ Bengaluru

HERE is pocket-friendly news for state government employees. They can soon buy essential commodities and groceries at discounts ranging from 10 per cent to 60 per cent at family marts to be set up exclusively for them by the Karnataka State Government Employees' Association in all districts across the state.

The mart will be similar to the Canteen Stores Department (CSD), better known as the military canteen for soldiers, ex-servicemen and their families. Quality products for daily use, including groceries, electronic goods and other items, will be available at heavily discounted rates at the mart.

We have organised a state-level government employees' convention there (Shivamogga) on February 4 and the mart will be inaugurated on the occasion

CS Shadakshari, State Government Employees' Assn

At present, the state government has 5.2 lakh employees in 72 departments, including agriculture, home, urban development, health, tourism, education, food and civil supplies and more. Even former employees and their spouses can make use of the mart.

Association president CS Shadakshari said the first such mart will be inaugurated at Shivamogga. "We have organised a state-level government employees' convention there on February 4 and the mart will be inaugurated on the occasion," he said. Similar marts will be set up in all the districts across the state, he added. P7

We killed Fazil to avenge Nettaru's death, says Pumpwell

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mangaluru

VHP leader Sharan Pumpwell on Sunday openly claimed that their Hindutva activists murdered Mohammed Fazil to avenge Praveen Nettaru's murder in Sullia.

Addressing the Shourya Yatra of the VHP at Ullal, he said, "Hindus showed their power in Gujarat and it is not a massacre. Bajrang Dal is ready to fight if needed. When Praveen Nettaru was murdered, the entire Hindu community wept. We wept for the sacrifice of a good karyakartha. But our karyakartas did not keep quiet. We killed Fazil in public view in Surathkal. You must have seen the video, how brutally he was murdered. That is our power," Sharan said.

He said there is a need for a Hindu MLA at Ullal. "There may be many terrorists in Ullal. If NIA conducts searches, they need to be traced. Though PFI is banned, their workers are plotting to murder our activists," he said.

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6 ex-corporators tick all boxes for MLA tickets

Leaders organise cultural programmes and free bus services for devotees to attract voters

MOHAMMED YACOOB @Bengaluru

AT least six former Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) corporators, who are eyeing tickets in the upcoming Assembly polls, have been doing everything from putting up banners, holding cultural programmes to arranging buses for devotees, and attacking sitting MLAs to bag the B form.

Former mayor Gautham Kumar Jain, who represented Jogupalya ward from 2010 to 2015, has almost cemented his ticket from BJP and has a clear edge over Shanthi Nagar mandal president Shiva Kumar.

"Despite being only a second-term corporator, he is ahead of many senior corporators to become the city's mayor. He contacted an influential minister in the central government to lobby for a ticket. His position as a mayor earlier has bolstered his case as the next candidate for Shanthi Nagar," said a senior BJP leader.

Speaking to TNIE, Gautham Kumar Jain said that he has been working in this Assembly segment over the last two decades and will address the issues of the residents of Shanthi Nagar.

Like Gautham, CM Ramamurthy, a two-time corporator from Pattabhirama Nagar ward in Jayanagar Assembly constituency, has been working in the Assembly over three years. He believes that his caste will be an advantage in a constituency where 45,000 people are members of the same community. "I have been going to people's doorsteps, and holding cultural and festival programmes. Besides, 10 per cent of the Muslims will vote for me, and I am also popular among the Vokkaliga and Christian communities," he said.

Former mayor SK Nataraj from Sarakki ward and NR Ramesh from Yediyur are also aspiring for tickets from the Jayanagar Assembly seat.

Similarly, G Padmavathi, another former mayor, is also lobbying for the Rajajinagar seat and is backing KPCC president DK Shivakumar to secure his ticket. "I contested and lost in 2018. I have been working over the last four years. Recently, I have arranged over 15 buses for pilgrimages, arranged loans for those who wanted to buy autorickshaws and undertook other welfare programmes."

N Shivaraju from Shankar Mutt ward is lobbying for the Mahalakshmi Layout, the seat from where he lost during the bypoll in December 2019 against K Gopalaiah who defected from JDS to BJP.

An anganwadi worker during their protest against the state government at Freedom Park in Bengaluru on Sunday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA.

DCET schedule for second, final rounds out

ENS @Bengaluru

THE Karnataka Examination Authority (KEA) has released the schedule for the second and final rounds of the Diploma Common Entrance Test (DCET).

According to the timetable, the seat matrix and fee details will be published on Tuesday. Option entry will begin from Tuesday 31 at 11am and end at 11am on February 2, while the second round seat allotment results will be published on February 2, at 6pm.

Fee payment and downloading of admission orders will be available from February 3. Last day for reporting to the college is between February 3 and 7. Candidates are participating by holding the seat allotted to them during the first round, and the KEA advised the candidates choose an option better than their allotted seats, as when they choose their options, the new options will replace their old seat. KEA stated the previously allotted seat will be added to the seat matrix for other eligible candidates once the candidate is allotted a new seat in the second round. Once the option entry is completed, the seat allotment during the first round will be considered as their last option.

KEA RELEASES RESULTS OF ASST PROFs

Bengaluru: KEA has released the results of the recruitment of assistant professors for Government First Grade Colleges in the state. The results of the recruitment for over 15,000 candidates can be accessed on cetonline.karnataka.gov.in/kea. Assistant professors have been recruited for English, History, Political Science, Economics, Law, Geology, Commerce and Mathematics. Results showed that over 14,000 candidates are eligible for the post of assistant professor.

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai inaugurates BR Ambedkar Stadium which was built at a cost of Rs 15 crore in Bengaluru on Sunday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

CM: Oppn using floods to tarnish city's image

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

EVEN there has been massive developments across the city in a magnitude that was unseen earlier, opposition parties are tarnishing its image, alleged Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai after inaugurating development projects in Govindarajnagar Assembly constituency on Sunday.

"When there is heavy rain, cities like Chennai, Delhi and Mumbai are flooded. The situation is the same in London and parts of the US. But when some low-lying areas in Bengaluru are flooded after record rainfall, it becomes international news," he said.

Explaining the cause of such misery, he said that the earlier governments have allowed unplanned development, and construction of houses and apartments encroaching stormwater drains. The same parties, who are in the opposition now, are trying to damage the image of the city using floods, he added.

He pointed out that the government has allocated Rs 2,000 crore for the development of stormwater drains and Rs 6,500 crore for the city's development, and invited opposition parties to an open debate on the city's development.

Bommai also inaugurated Dr BR Ambedkar Stadium, which has been built at a cost of Rs 15 crore, and a government first-grade college building at a cost of Rs 32 crore at Dr Rajkumar ward. A flyover on West of Chord Road at Manjunathnagar built at a cost Rs 166.7 crore was also inaugurated by him.

EXPRESS READ

Residents protest over Ejipura flyover delay

Members of various RWAs and residents of Koramangala launched a protest on Sunday against the state government and BBMP, demanding the Eijipura flyover and the link road from Eijipura to Agara junction, which will connect Outer and Inner Ring Roads be completed soon to ease commute for residents of Southeast Bengaluru. Members of Koramanagala RWAs of ST Bed, 3rd, 4th and 6th blocks held a silent protest with placards. Biju Mathew, treasurer, Koramangala 3rd block, RWA, said work on the 2.5-km Eijipura flyover began in 2016, connecting Kendriya Sadan in Madiwala, and was slated to be completed in 2019. "Earlier, tenders were given to Simplex Infra, but now the company is not working. BBMP has floated another tender, but no efforts were made to complete it," he said. The residents said the road connecting Eijipura and Agara junction was detailed in the revised master plan 2015 of BDA, but is yet to be executed.

First G20 energy transition meeting in city

The first G20 Energy Transition Working Group (ETWG) meeting will take place in Bengaluru from February 5 to 7.Bengaluru will host the meeting under India's G20 presidency. As many as 150 participants are expected to join, including nine special invitee guest countries -- Spain, UAE, Oman, Singapore, Egypt, Bangladesh, Mauritius and Nigeria. The meeting is expected to focus on six priority areas, including addressing technology gaps, low-cost financing, energy security and 'Fuels for Future'. The delegates will also be visiting the Infosys Green Building campus and Pavagada Solar Park. An international seminar on 'Carbon Capture, Utilisation and Storage (CCUS)' will also be organised, focusing on achieving net-zero targets and transitioning completely towards clean energy.

Anganwadi workers unrelenting after a week of protest

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AS the state government prepares to implement the National Education Policy (NEP) in anganwadis, workers will be completing a week of their protest on Monday in the city.

Over 30,000 workers have been protesting across the state. Freedom Park has been witnessing protests from Monday by workers, demanding a salary hike, status of primary school teachers and a retirement fund. The agitators have vowed to remain on indefinite strike unless the demands are met for at least 36,000 workers. This is their second protest in January. On January 19, after the workers protested, Women and Child Development Minister Halappa Achar heard their demands.

The protest comes after the School Education and Literacy department stated that they would be implementing the NEP in this academic year, as early as February.

Even with a majority of anganwadi workers protesting, they claimed the government has not intervened.

An education department official said that the issue is more complicated as the primary school teachers are more qualified than anganwadi workers. "The teachers are selected through a recruitment process and need to have certain qualifications before becoming a primary school teacher. Hence, the issue is more complicated. There is a need for a different status for the anganwadi workers based on their qualifications," the official said.

No decision after slew of letters, students fret over NEET PG exam

NAMRATA SINDWANI @Bengaluru

AFTER several letters to the central government over the eligibility criteria of NEET PG, Karnataka students are worried as no decision has been taken. The registration for NEET PG 2023 begins on January 7. It was stated that only those candidates are eligible if their last date of internship is on March 31 2023.

Several students and doctors have raised concerns over internship dates. They stated that students will be unable to finish their internships by March 31, which will render them ineligible for the exam.

Dr Tejaswi HJ, president of the Junior Doctors' Association, said if the dates are not changed, 7,000 students in the state will be unable to appear for the exam, and eventually, their whole year will be wasted.

Last year, the internships started late because of the pandemic across almost all colleges, he explained, adding that in Karnataka, the internships began on April 24, 2022, and will end in April 2023.

The Federation of All India Medical Association (FAIMA) has organised a meeting with Mansukh Mandaviya, Union health minister, on January 31 to find solutions to prevent thousands of students being deprived of an opportunity to write the exam.

Students said that the delay in making a decision will leave them with lesser time to prepare for the exam. In case, the dates are not changes, their whole year will be wasted, they feared, and so, they have requested that the dates be deferred by four-six weeks. The students also complained that the issue has been taking a toll on their mental health.

TRIBAL BOND: FROM THE HILLY TERRAINS, COMES SOLIGA WASP

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THE entomologists and researchers from Ashoka Trust in Ecology and the Environment (Atree) have discovered a new wasp parasite species, which will be named after the Soliga tribals for their stewardship.

The species is found in the deciduous patches of BRT Tiger Reserve. The researchers have described the new wasp- Soliga ecarinata (in picture)- as they are different from other wasps in appearance and taxonomy.

Dr Priyadarsanan Dharma Rajan, senior fellow at Atree and one of the researchers, who found the species, told TNIE that the new species does not have ridges on its body compared to others in the same family, which explains its name ecarinata. It is bright and easy to identify, he added.

These specimens were collected 15 years earlier, as a part of Atree's Western Ghats Insect Inventory Programme while additional specimens were collected from the secondary wet forest habitat of Nagaland. This new wasp belongs to the subfamily Metopiinae of Darwin wasps family Ichneumonidae, and the new discovery was published in the European Journal of Taxonomy.

This is the second genus of this subfamily reported from India and the first from South India, Rajan said.

He recollected that while samples were being collected, one of the tribals told him to leave some of the insects behind as the forests also needed them. Since the Soligas strongly follow rule of sustainability, it was decided that the new species will be named after them.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

30TH January : There's no reason for anyone to fall out - even if we do get on each other's nerves! The reason that we make forecasts such as this is to alert people to potential provocation and encourage everyone to make an effort to see each other's points of view. It's always better to agree, even to agree to differ.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
Although financial pressures and plans are still very much on your mind, you can now afford to put a few possible developments off until later. You're so full of good ideas that all you need now is an extra dose of confidence. And a little more tact!

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
It's time for a fresh start. Emotional and psychological spring-cleaning should encourage you to put the past behind you and face the future with an open heart. You seem to be keeping a secret - and you may hang on to it for just a little while longer.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
You may now have to come into the open, so have your story ready and make sure you're capable of making yourself understood. Throughout the day you should find that your self-esteem is restored, and that it's no longer necessary to take refuge in your day-dreams.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
It's quite a good time to keep yourself to yourself, to find the time and space to listen to your imagination. You may even consider cancelling a social engagement. But before you take any precipitate action, realise that when the time comes, your feelings might have moved on.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
You may feel as if you are being forced to do something against your will or against your dignity. However, the best advice now is to press ahead and concentrate on making colleagues see your point of view. Gentle persuasion might work better then brute force. In fact, I'm sure it will!

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
You will soon be afforded a splendid chance to travel to somewhere you've never been before. In any event, you'll do yourself a very big favour if you extend and develop all contacts with companions in distant parts and people from different cultures.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
Problems of a partnership or matrimonial nature should soon be faced. You may find that once you talk about your concerns, they begin to disappear and your innate sense of well-being returns. An old expense is about to return, but it's also time to collect a debt.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
Much as you'd like to be the centre of attention, you still have no choice but to listen to other people, understand their feelings and try to satisfy their desires. Financial choices are now appearing, but there is no need for a final decision just yet.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
When dealing with finances, business or property matters you should make a point of being as clear-headed as you can. Your heart tells you one thing, your wallet another, so seek expert advice. This is not a good time to give people the wrong idea about your intentions, so make sure you're not misunderstood.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
This looks like a busy day, and it's time to call on your more versatile talents. In view of emotional complications, it seems likely that you'll have to juggle different balls in the air at the same time. It may not be easy, especially if a friend or colleague backs out of a commitment.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
Favourable planetary alignments are perfectly balanced by challenging ones, which means that you could have the best of both worlds. This should also be an ideal moment to put your plans into practice. Thought and action should go hand in hand, and your heart and your head should be leading you in the same direction.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
If you are feeling at all isolated or confused it is because your planetary cycles are now changing and you are being obliged to stand on your own two feet, emotionally speaking. In future, you will have to rely more on your resources and less on support from outside.

Solutions to Saturday's puzzle ⬇

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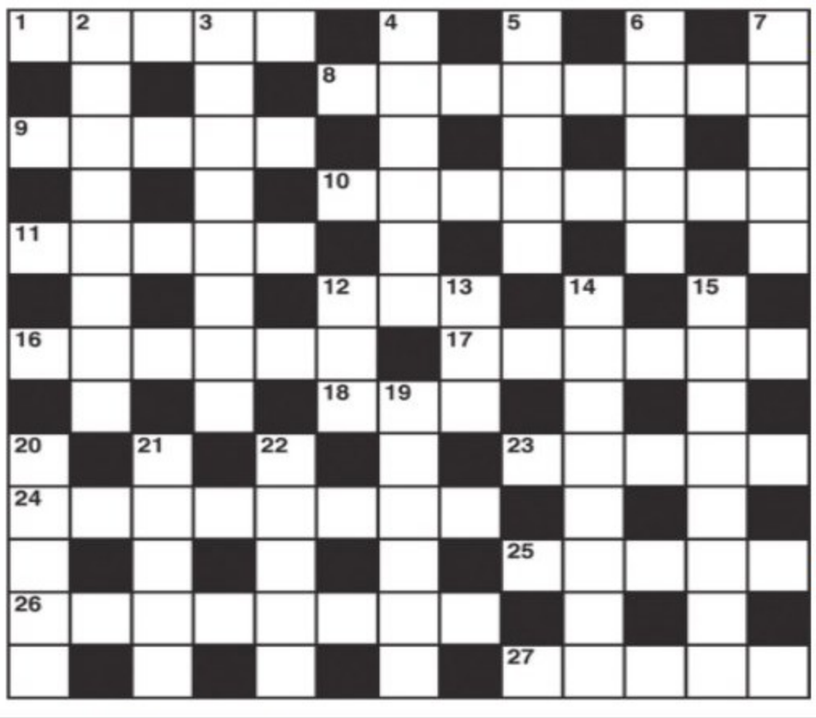
SUDOKU HARD

TEST YOUR NUMBER CRUNCHING SKILL WITH OUR UNIQUE PUZZLE

Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.



CROSS WORD

ACROSS

1 Dress without thinking? (5)
8 The lamb's tender (8)
9 If the order is not the usual he'll help himself (5)
10 Mention a different name (8)
11 Wind instrument or a loud stringed one (5)
12 Ride in study (3)
16 Point at the gate for the guard (6)
17 I take road transport to America. He tried flying (6)
18 Measure used by drapers and jewellers (3)
23 Gave everyone a hand (5)
24 Kitchen accessories distributed at stores (8)
25 Flinch though still game (5)
26 Came round about six and criticised (8)
27 Such charges may be dropped (5)

DOWN

2 Heroic Greek units holding an elevated position (8)
3 It may be put on disc (8)
4 Yellow plate (6)
5 Shoot for almost the whole season (5)
6 Kind of ribbon used for decoration (5)
7 Hedges need the top off - and sides (5)
12 Some do it for a living, strange as it may sound (3)
13 There's nothing left in the lift (3)
14 Arrive at a certain conclusion (4,4)
15 One may be still due for some satisfaction (8)
19 Store fat with some hesitation (6)
20 Shuffle the cards dishonestly and make a pile (5)
21 Share a hole (5)
22 Lait y out abroad (5)

SATURDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Settlement, 6 Show, 10 Isaac, 11 Lumbering, 12 Reasoned, 13 Oaths, 15 Eclipse, 17 Codicil, 19 Eardrum, 21 Coroner, 22 Alpha, 24 Landmark, 27 Israelite, 28 Valve, 29 Nose, 30 Death's door.

Down: 1 Stir, 2 Traveller, 3 Locks, 4 Melange, 5 Nomadic, 7 Hoist, 8 Wages clerk, 9 Recorder, 14 Revelation, 16 Partaken, 18 Contralto, 20 Malaise, 21 Context, 23 Parts, 25 Moves, 26 Peer.

JUMBLE

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

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That contract makes you my top model.
It is a pretty penny.
THE MALE MODEL WHO WAS EARNING MORE AND MORE MONEY WAS BEING ---
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: LARVA PINCH STEREO FIERCE
Answer: The eyeglasses prescription was out-of-date and needed a — REVISION

A 14-year-old girl from Bengaluru was seriously injured after her long hair accidently got entangled in the cabin of a giant wheel at a fair in Mysuru on Saturday night. Srividya was seriously injured in the incident and has been hospitalised

Kanva scam likely to be handed over to CBI

Organisation representing victims meets minister, reiterates request to move probe from the CID

S LALITHA @ Bengaluru

THERE is a sliver of hope for the nearly 23,000 victims across Karnataka, who were duped in the Kanva scam, with Cooperation Minister S T Somashekhar now agreeing to their long-pending demand to hand over investigation to the Central Bureau of Investigations (CBI). An organisation representing the victims met the minister at his residence on Saturday, and reiterated its request to move it from the Criminal Investigations Department (CID).

The victims deposited lakhs of rupees with the Kanva Souhadra Coop Ltd, with its head office at Basaveshwaranagar and 45 branches spread across Karnataka. An estimated Rs 1,500 crore was deposited with the group since 1995 by the public, in the form of RDs or FDs, with 12 per cent interest or prospects of doubling of deposit in 5.5 years. The perpetrators have been arrested and are out on bail. The Enforcement Directorate and CID investigated the matter and different properties of the owners have been attached under the Money Laundering Act 2002.

Cooperation Minister S T Somashekhar told *TNIE*, "Following public demand, I have decided to hand over the case to the CBI. I will be discussing the issue with the Chief Minister tomorrow (Monday) and with his consent, it would be placed before the cabinet for its nod." The same had been done in the case of Sri Guru Raghavendra Sahakara Bank Niyamitha scam and Sri Vasishta Souharda Bank scam, and we intend to follow the same here, he added.

Administrator of Kanva Scam Claimants' Welfare Forum Muralidhar Lakkanna told this reporter, "Since November 2019, we have been keen on a CBI probe into it. We are relieved that our demand is finally being accepted. We were not happy with the CID probe as it has been able to identify just 40% of the money we have deposited so far. What happens to the rest of our money?"

The scam came to the fore when a few individuals wanted their promised sum after maturity in October 2019, but those running Kanva did not have the money, revealed one of the victims, requesting anonymity. Three of them filed an FIR, following which MD and chairman N Nanjundaiah was arrested on November 1 and released a few days later.

A total of 254 properties worth Rs 316 crore were seized from across the state, and would be auctioned to compensate the victims.

The Kanva cooperative had diverted all deposits into their ventures like Kanva Fashions, Kanva Educational Institutions, Kanva Food Products and so on, Gopalakrishna Reddy, who is spearheading the battle on behalf of the depositors, had told *TNIE* earlier that the victims were waiting in queue at Shanti Nagar Revenue office to hand over documents to prove their deposits.

Actor Junior NTR interacts with Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar in Bengaluru on Sunday

Taraaka Ratna still critical at Narayana Hrudayalaya

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

ACTOR-Politician Nandamuri Taraaka Ratna, who is being treated at the Narayana Hrudayalaya after suffering a cardiac arrest, remains in a critical state.

The actor suffered cardiac arrest on January 27 while during a political rally in Kuppan near Chittoor. After primary treatment in Kuppam, doctors advised that he should be moved to a tertiary centre for advanced treatment as his condition was critical. He was rushed to Narayana Hrudayalaya by road around 1 am on Saturday.

Actor and MLA Nandamuri Balakrishna, Kannada actor Shivarajkumar and N. T. Rama Rao Jr accompanied by Karnataka Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar visited Taraaka Ratna on Sunday. Hundreds of fans thronged the hospital premise and were seen eagerly waiting outside to know the developments in the health of the actor.

Addressing the media and hundreds of fans who had gathered on the hospital premises, Junior NTR said, "Blessing of our grandfather and countless people are on Taraaka Ratna. Along with his willpower and advanced treatment, he needs prayers from fans to come out of this current situation".

He added that Taraaka Ratna is responding to treatment, but his condition is still critical.

While the hospital has not issued a bulletin on the actor's health, sources from the Narayana Hrudayalaya revealed that the actor continues to be in a critical condition. Doctors from NIMHANS have also joined their counterparts at Narayana Hrudayalaya.

Dr Sudhakar promised all possible support from the state.

After decade, Vishnu memorial sees light of day

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mysuru

THE long-pending demand for a memorial of late actor Vishnuvardhan, plans of which had been gathering dust for over a decade, has finally seen the light of the day with Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai inaugurating it at Haalalu village near Udbur gate on the outskirts of Mysuru on Sunday.

Bommai unveiled a seven-feet statue of the 'Nagarahavu' actor installed at the memorial amidst thunderous claps and slogans by thousands of people who had gathered at the venue. The demand for a memorial of the actor began in 2009, following his sudden demise. The place to set up the memorial changed from one location to another over the last decade. A decision was finally taken to set it up at Haalalu village and the memorial's foundation stone was laid by then CM B S Yediyurappa in 2021.

The memorial was built at a cost of Rs 11 crore on a five-acre land. It was completed in the last couple of months with joint association of Karnataka State Dr Vishnuvardhan Pratishtana, Department of Information and Public Relations and others.

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai inaugurates the memorial of actor Vishnuvardhan near Mysuru on Sunday | UDAYASHANKAR S

Bank manager held for misuse of ₹4.92 crore

ENS @ Bengaluru

A 34-year-old relationship manager of a private bank has been arrested for allegedly misusing fixed deposit accounts of customers to the tune of Rs 4.92 crore in SR Nagar and Gandhi Nagar branches. Two separate complaints have been filed against the accused. The cases have been registered by the SR Nagar police and Upparpet police. The SR Nagar police, based on the complaint filed by the deputy general manager of the bank on Mission Road, arrested Sajila Gurumoorthy, a resident of Hunasamaranahalli, who has been remanded to judicial custody.

Sajila, who hails from Kanyakumari, was arrested on January 8 and was in police custody till January 21. Her first appointment was in the Gandhi Nagar branch as assistant manager. Later, she was promoted to relationship manager and was transferred to the SR Nagar branch. "The complainant found out that the accused had misused Rs 4.92 crores of the customers' fixed deposits to buy bonds. She is alleged to have done this to use the commission and the policy benefits for her own purpose. She had broken the fixed amount of deposits without the permission of the customers. She did it achieve target and created 240 bonds. The money is safe in the bonds which have been frozen," R Srinivas Gowda, DCP (Central) said.

EXPRESS READ

KSRTC driver saves 2 girls from drowning

BENGALURU: Risking his life, the driver of Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation saved two girls from drowning on Sunday. At 2.15 pm, Manjunath, who was driving the bus on the Shira-Nagappanahalli Gate route, noticed two girls struggling in the Handikunate Agrahara lake. He quickly stopped the bus, jumped into the lake and saved the two girls. KSRTC Managing Director Anbu Kumar appreciated the driver for risking his life. "This is exemplary work. It is these kinds of acts by our staff that makes KSRTC proud. Our staff is our asset".

Bad shape forces 340 ambulances out of service

NAMRATA SINDWANI @ Bengaluru

THE Karnataka Health Department has decided to discontinue 340 ambulances running under the '108' ambulance service in the state, replacing them with new ones due to their poor condition.

It has been decided that the ambulances be replaced as part of a regular procedure, with all ambulances which cover a distance of 4 lakh kilometres are to be replaced in four years' time.

Dr R Narayan, Deputy Director (EMRI-108), said the ambulances were last replaced in 2015-16, and were almost seven-years-old. Hence, the state decided to replace them with new ones.

The said 340 ambulances have been decommissioned and can be utilised for other tasks, while those in extremely bad shape will be scrapped.

He, however, ensured that the ambulance services across the state will not be affected during this time. Out of the 340 rejected ambulances, there are a few that will be used for the time-being, following repairs.

GVK-EMRI has been the service provider for running the '108' ambulance service in Karnataka for the last 14 years. Several complaints were registered in the past regarding poor service, late response time and even technical glitches in the server. Hence, the state government had decided to change the service providers for '108' ambulances and floated tenders. Since the procurement process for new ambulances has already started, officials are expecting to start running the new ambulances in 3-4 months.

The health department is also aiming to provide better quality ambulances to the state, with the new service providers. They also said that previously, the rules and quality checks for ambulances were not very strict. Now, the department has planned to lay out guidelines to be strictly followed by companies to ensure that no compromises are made in providing quality service.

Possession Notice (For Immovable Property) Rule 8-(1)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **IIFL Home Finance Limited** (Formerly known as India Infoline Housing Finance Ltd.) (IIFL-HFL) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, a Demand Notice was issued by the Authorised Officer of the company to the Borrower/Co-Borrowers mentioned herein below to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has **taken possession** of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Rules. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **IIFL HFL** for an amount as mentioned herein under with interest thereon."The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, If the borrower clears the dues of the **"IIFL HFL"** together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred, at any time before the date fixed for sale or transfer, the secured assets shall not be sold or transferred by **"IIFL HFL"** and no further step shall be taken by **"IIFL HFL"** for transfer or sale of the secured assets.

Name of the Borrower (s) / Co-Borrower(s)	Description of the Secured Asset (Immovable Property)	Total Outstanding Dues (Rs.)	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession
Mr. Madhu Kiran M Mr. Madappa M Mrs. Sarojamma M (Prospect No. 889315 & 948364)	All that piece and parcel of: No-4/14, Munipoojappa L/O, Admeasuring Land Area 694 Sq. Ft., Carpet Area 694 Sq. Ft, Built Up Area 1118.9 Sq.Ft., Ashwathnagar, Geddalahalli, Kasaba Bangalore, Banglore, 560037, Karnataka,India. **Bounded By: North:** Nish Apartments, **South:** Venkateshappas Property, **East:** 10 ft Road, **West:** Road of Munipoojappa.	**Rs.14,88,782/-** (Forteen Lakh Eighty Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty Two Only) **For 889315 and Rs. 5,52,165/-** (Rupees Five Lakh Fifty Two Thousand One Hundred Sixty Five Only) **For 948364**	12-Oct-2022	24-Jan-2023

For, further details please contact to Authorised Officer at **Branch Office:** "ADAM CHAMBERS," #11, Richmond Road, Bengaluru - 560025 **or Corporate Office:** Plot No.98, Phase-IV, Udyog Vihar, Gurgaon, Haryana.

Place: Bangalore, Date: 30-01-2023 **Sd/- Authorised Officer, For IIFL Home Finance Ltd.**

IDBI BANK

Regional Office, IDBI House, # 58, Mission Road, Bengaluru - 560 027. Ph: 080-61451322/24/25/26

CIN:L65190MH2004GOI148838 Email:recovery.bangalore@idbi.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE
Under Rule 8 (1)

A/c No: 0243675100046464 & 0243675100052465

Whereas, The Undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the IDBI Bank Limited under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated 15.11.2022 calling upon the borrowers **Shri. D.R Ramesh & Shri Kishore Kumar D.R** to repay the amount mentioned in the Demand Notice being **Rs.1,04,55,025.00/-** (Rs. One Crore Four Lakh Fifty Five Thousand Twenty Five Rupees only) as on 31.10.2022 + Applicable interest and charges thereon with effect from 01.11.2022 within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower/Guarantor and the public in general that the undersigned have taken Possession of the Property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under sub-section (4) of section 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this the **24th day of January, 2023.**

The Borrower/Guarantor in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the Property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the IDBI Bank Limited, for an amount of **Rs.1,04,55,025.00/-** (Rupees One Crore Four Lakh Fifty Five Thousand Twenty Five Rupees only) as on 31.10.2022 + Applicable interest and charges thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcels of the property bearing BDA No. 460, Municipal No. 460/21, Situated at 7th Cross Road, 1st Stage, 2nd Phase, Gokul, Mathikere, Bangalore Mahanagara Palike ward No. 4 in the state of Karnataka and is bounded by: East by: Property bearing No. 461, West by: Road, North by : Property bearing No. 460, South By: Road.

Measuring East to West :13'-0" + 26'-0"/2 feet or 5.94 mtrs and North to South: 32'-0" feet or 9.75 mtrs in all measuring 624 Square feet together with RCC roofed building Theron comprising of basement, Ground Floor, First Floor, Second Floor and Third Floor

Date : 24.01.2023 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place : Bengaluru **IDBI Bank Limited**

PUBLIC NOTICE

My Clients **1. Smt.Narayanamma D/o. Late. M.N. Subbanna,** R/at. Koira Village, Kundana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, **2. Sri. Ashwathnarayana S/o. Late. M.N. Subbanna,** R/at. Ward No.22, Subbanna Pavamana Nilaya, Bychapura Road, Devanahalli Town-562110, **3. Smt. Vijayalakshmi D/o. Late. M.N. Subbanna,** R/at. Ward No.22, Shanthinagar, Devanahalli Town-562110, **4. Sri. Chandrashekar S/o.Late. M.N Subbanna,** R/at. No.114, Masthi Road, Devanahalli- 562110., have filed CRI.MISC.NO.346/2022 for death certificate of their mother i.e., **Smt. Ramakka W/o. Late. M.N. Subbanna who was died on 10-02-2008,** and date of hearing of the case is **on 09-03-2023.** If any dispute regarding the same can appear before the Principal Civil Judge at Devanahalli

By Order of the Court, Sd/- Chief Ministerial Officer
Civil Judge & JMFC Court, Devanahalli
G. Manjunatha, Advocate

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is brought to the notice of the general public that my client **SMT. HEMA SHETTY G.,** W/o Sri Gundu Shetty, R/at No. 26, 1st Main, Manjunatha Layout, Behind Arekere Mico Layout Bangalore-76, intends to purchase the Schedule Property from **SMT. P. MANGALA,** W/o Sri R. Srinivas, R/at No. 27/7, 2nd Main, Vijayashree Layout, Arekere, Bannerghatta Road, Bangalore-76, who represents that she is the sole and absolute owner in peaceful possession and enjoyment of the Schedule Property and that the Schedule Property is free from all kinds of encumbrances whatsoever and that there are no third party claims or rights on the Schedule Property.

Any person/s having any claim/s over the Schedule Property or having any objection/s about the above mentioned transaction may write to the undersigned within **15 (Fifteen) days** from the date of publication of this notice along with documentary evidence, on which they are basing their claim, failing which my client will proceed on the basis that there are no claim/s, objection/s of whatsoever nature.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of Immovable Residential property bearing **No. 4,** Khatha No. 119/27/1 situated at Vijayashree Layout, Arekere Bannerghatta Road, Bangalore-76, measuring East to West: **39-0 ft** and North to South: **30-0 ft,** along with the building, presently coming within the jurisdiction of BBMP ward No. 193 Bangalore together with all appurtenances whether situated on, below or above the surface, and bounded on the: **East by:** Property of Chowdappa & others. **West by:** Road, **North by:** Property No. 3, **South by:** Property No. 5.

M. MUNEGOWDA
Advocate and Consultant
No. 64/1, S.M. Plaza, 2nd Floor, Dr. D.V.G. Road, Basavanagudi, Bangalore-04.
Mobile: 9342878205. Dated: 30/01/2023

FINKURVE FINANCIAL SERVICES LIMITED

Corporate Office : Trade World, D-Wing, 2nd Floor, 202, Kamala Mill Compound Lower Parel (W), Mumbai, Maharashtra - 400013

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This is to inform the Public that Auction of pledged Gold Ornaments will be conducted by **Finkurve Financial Services Limited** through his facilitated partner **Augmont Gold Tech Pvt. Ltd., On 02.02.2023 at 10:00 am** at **Door No. 39/3, YJ Arcade First Floor Ward Number - 36, Mathikere Main Road, Pin - 560054.** The Gold Ornaments to be auctioned belong to Loan Accounts of our various borrowers who have failed to pay their dues. Our notices of auction have been duly issued to these borrowers. The Gold Ornaments to be auctioned belong to Overdue Loan Accounts of our various borrowers mentioned below with branch name.

Mathikere : MATH-8FMF, MATH-07R4, MATH-DVPF.

For More Details, Please Contact : Jayaprakash D., Mobile : 9952224535

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SARJAPURA : SARJ-SGP1, SARJ-W6U7, SARJ-87130.

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The primary assets of the following units which have been taken over under section 29 of SFC's Act are available for sale on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" through E-AUCTION:

1. **M/s. BMR Rice Inds,** KIADB Hanagawadi Industrial Area, Harihara, Davanagere Dist (ID No KSFC/2022-23/AUCTION2802) (Rs. in lakhs)

Description of the property	Reserve Price	EMD Amt.	Date of inspection
Land & Building: Plot No. 38, Sy No 91, measuring: 1 acre (4047sq.mtrs.,), KIADB HANAGAWADI Industrial Area, NH-48, Harihara, Davanagere Dist. Together with building/s thereon .i.e incomplete main rice mill building ,compound wall etc.,	361.10	36.11	10-02-2023 11.30 AM to 1.00 PM

2. **M/s. Hiran Enterprises,** KIADB Hanagawadi Industrial Area, Harihara,Davanagere Dist (ID No KSFC/2022-23/AUCTION2803) (Rs. in lakhs)

Description of the property	Reserve Price	EMD Amt.	Date of inspection
Land & Building: Plot No. 47, Sy No 91, measuring: 1012sq.mtrs(10893.43 sfts), KIADB HANAGAWADI Industrial Area,N H-48. Harihara, Davanagere Dist. Together with building/s thereon .i.e main factory shed/building-GF &FF,labour quarters,office room, compound wall etc.,	100.80	10.08	10-02-2023 11.30 AM to 1.00 PM

The E-Auction will commence on 02-03-2023 at 11.00 am and closes on 06-03-2023 at 2.00 PM. Terms & conditions of sale through e-auction are detailed in website https://www/eproc.karnataka.gov.in or www.ksfc.gov.karnataka.in and the interested bidders are advised to visit the aforesaid websites. For more details on participation of e-auction, please contact e-procurement help desk No.80460-10000 / 80689 48777 and may also contact our Branch Office.

Date : 30.01.2023 **Sd/- BRANCH MANAGER, Karnataka State Financial**
Place : Davangere **Corporation, Branch Office - Davangere**

Senior BJP leader BS Yediyurappa on Sunday said, "I will not contest the forthcoming Assembly elections. But I will campaign for the BJP to retain power in the state." He added, "I am 80-years-old now. and I am not interested in contesting these polls. However, I will not retire from politics, travelling across the state to bring the BJP to power."

Cong to announce first list after second leg of Praja Dhwani Yatra

AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge to have final say in ticket distribution

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI @Bengaluru

THE Congress in Karnataka that finished its first leg of the Praja Dhwani Bus Yatra in the runup to the Assembly polls is likely to announce its first list of candidates only after its second leg of the Yatra that concludes on February 9. The shortlist of candidates from the districts has already reached KPCC president D K Shivakumar.

But before starting the second leg, Shivakumar, CLP leader Siddaramaiah and the 36-member election committee, including AICC general secretaries Randeep Singh Surjewala and KC Venugopal, will hold deliberations on February 2 to finalise the tickets. It is likely that around 70 sitting MLAs and another 50 leaders who lost the 2018 Assembly polls are likely to get tickets.

The first list could feature around 120 candidates, sources said. "When the ruling party is playing it safe by confirming tickets to its sitting MLAs despite them facing anti-incumbency, the opposition Congress is not ready to drop sitting MLAs," a Congress leader said.

The announcement for the remaining 124 Assembly seats will be done in a phased manner and the entire list will be out by February-end. Since the Election Commission is likely to issue the election notification in the first week of March, the tickets will be finalised swiftly, except for some critical constituencies where leaders from other parties are likely to join Congress at the last minute.

AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge will have the final say in finalising the tickets. Apart from Shivakumar and Siddaramaiah, senior leaders including former DCM Dr G Parameshwara, former ministers KJ George, M B Patil, Satish Jarkiholi, H Anjaneya, KH Muniyappa, KPCC working presidents Ramalinga Reddy, Dhruvanaryana and Saleem Ahmed will also have a say in the selection of candidates to an extent.

Senior Congress leaders, including KPCC chief DK Shivakumar and CLP leader Siddaramaiah, will hold deliberations on the polls on February 2 | EXPRESS

Leaders want DKS to contest from Maddur, HDK from Mandya

K SHIVA KUMAR @ Mysuru

A race is on among supporters of KPCC president D K Shivakumar and JDS senior leader **HD Kumaraswamy** to get them to contest from Mandya district.

The top two Vokkaliga leaders, contenders for the chief minister's post, are aiming for big gains in the Old Mysuru region, especially Mandya, the Vokkaliga heartland. Since the Vokkaliga vote share is what makes the difference here, they are taking their respective political yatras, Jana Dhwani of the Congress and Pancharatna of JDS, to the sugar belt. Supporters of Shivakumar want him to contest from Maddur, the hometown of his political mentor and former chief minister SM Krishna. But Congress had earlier informally announced that Krishna's nephew Gurucharan would be the candidate from Maddur.

Leaders from the Grand Old Party hope that Shivakumar's entry would put the brakes on the JDS run in Mandya, and give the party an edge. JDS has already announced that HD Deve Gowda's close relative and confidant DC Thamanna, who served as transport minister in the coalition government, would be its candidate from Mandya. During the 2018 Assembly polls, JDS won all seven seats in the district. But the district was not a JDS stronghold just a few years ago. During Krishna's tenure, Congress had managed to win five out of seven seats. Even during the 2013 polls, because of the good show in Mandya, the GOP managed to come back to power on its own strength.

Congress leaders want Shivakumar to play the role of Krishna to win a major portion of seats from Mandya, Mysuru and Hassan, which is considered to be the stronghold of the Deve Gowda family. They feel that Shivakumar's entry into Maddur will block the chances of Abhishek Ambareesh, son of late actor-turned-politician Ambareesh and incumbent Mandya MP Sumalatha.

Meanwhile, JDS leaders want Kumaraswamy to contest from Mandya constituency. Sitting party MLA M Srinivas recently announced that he will invite the former chief minister to contest from here. "I am ready to give up my constituency and will campaign for Kumaraswamy. I won here by 25,000 votes, while Kumaraswamy will romp home with a much bigger margin," he said. Leaders from the regional party are now eagerly waiting for Kumaraswamy's reaction during his second leg of the Pancharatna yatra in Mysuru and Chamarajanagar.

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150-SEAT BID

RATH YATRA TO ENSURE BJP'S WIN IN STATE: ARUN

ENS @ Bengaluru

BJP Karnataka in-charge Arun Singh on Sunday expressed confidence that the party will retain power in Karnataka after winning 150 seats in the April-May Assembly polls, saying that a 'Rath Yatra' will also be launched to suffice for the 'Vijaya Sankalpa Yatra'.

"After the Vijaya Sankalpa Yatra, there is a plan to launch a Rath Yatra for which a blueprint will be prepared as to how to go about it. Also, the preparations required to bring the BJP to power on its own are also under way," he hinted, after taking part in the Vijaya Sankalpa Yatra in Shivajinagar in Bengaluru.

According to sources, the 'Rath Yatra' will be taken out under the leadership of former chief minister B S Yediyurappa, and Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath is likely to launch the same in Hassan on February 27. The plan is to attract more voters from the Old Mysuru region.

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai shares a word with BJP Karnataka in-charge Arun Singh during the Kshatriya convention in Bengaluru on Sunday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

Singh claimed that the 'Vijaya Sankalpa Yatra' has been receiving overwhelming response across the state and the people want the BJP to continue in power here. "The efforts to extend schemes of both the Centre and state among more people have been on. We have reached every booth in this regard by hoisting our flag. In Gadag, almost all the booths have been reached. Amit Shah, JP Nadda and myself have been campaigning here and we will win 150 seats and come back to power in the state," he asserted.

Shah's visit electrified state: Bommai

ENS @ Hubballi

THE visit of Union Home Minister Amit Shah has electrified Karnataka and there has been a pro-BJP wave across the state, said Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai.

Speaking to reporters here on Sunday, he said the BJP has been quite strong in Kittur Karnataka and Home Minister Shah has instilled more strength and enthusiasm among workers.

"The feelings of the people were reflected in all the meetings. Congress leaders are posing as if they have already come to power. Let anybody say anything, but the truth is different. And it has been expressed during the visit of BJP leaders. Not only the big turnout, but the spirit and enthusiasm in them clearly indicates that the saffron party will come back to power, as it is strong from the booth level and that is its base and strength," he said.

On the Congress leaders' verbal attacks against him, Bommai said he has never made allegations against anybody in the last one-and-half years, but has responded politely. "The political culture of Karnataka is not individual-based or vengeance-based, but only issue-based and development-oriented. We are going before the people with the achievements of the state and Union governments and that is also seen in our campaign," he said.

BJP improving lives of farmers, says Chahar

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Belagavi

THE economic growth of this country majorly depends on farmers, and their initiative in carrying out organic farming will help India become healthy, said BJP Kisan Morcha national president Rajkumar Chahar, substantiating that farmers play an important role in the overall development of the country.

Addressing the gathering at the inauguration of the two-day national executive meeting of the BJP Kisan Morcha in Belagavi on Sunday, Chahar said, "We are part of the Kisan Morcha and our responsibility is to take the initiative for the welfare of the farmer community. Before 2014, the agriculture budget was Rs 49,000 crore. But, now under the leadership of PM Narendra Modi, it is more than Rs 1.35 lakh crore."

Chahar said that if any political party has done anything good for farmers in this country, it is the BJP. He said that the Kisan credit cards that are being issued to farmers by the BJP, provides financial assistance not only to farmers cultivating crops on farms, but also to those into fish farming and cattle owners. Chahar said that one of the most beneficial yojanas of the Modi government was to provide Rs 6,000 each to poor farmers under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana. This is what is called working for the welfare of farmers, which is done under the leadership of Modi, he said.

Everyone knows that the report submitted by the National Commission on Farmers, chaired by Prof MS Swaminathan, had remained neglected by previous governments for more than a decade, claimed Chahar. But he said that after Modi became PM, he took the report seriously bringing about a healthy change in the life of farmers.

FEEL AT HOME WITH FARMERS, SAYS YEDIYURAPPA

BELAGAVI: Former chief minister BS Yediyurappa on Sunday said, "I feel at home with farmers, and I have been fighting for their cause for the last five decades." Speaking at the national executive meeting of BJP Kisan Morcha, after launching the Shobha Yatra, Yediyurappa recalled that in 1973, when he was a municipal councillor in Shikaripur, he had organised a jatta of agricultural labourers to fight against the injustices affecting them. He said that this meeting is very important because the Assembly election is on the anvil and it is time to gear up. The BJP has taken several pro-farmer measures, which need to be taken not only in Karnataka, but across the country, he said. "I think it is necessary to recall the BJP's struggle for the cause of farmers even through Jana Sandesh," Yediyurappa said, adding that he was the first CM of the state to present an exclusive farmers budget in the Assembly in 2008.

STRAWS IN THE WIND

Jodo Yatra stops, gives walkers the blues

With the Bharat Jodo Yatra due to conclude on Monday, a good many people will get to rest their feet, while a good many claim they will be hit by the blues. Many from Karnataka who walked along and are following the Yatra, confess that they will miss the march. From Karnataka, CLP leader Siddaramaiah and PCC president DK Shivakumar will be in attendance at the Yatra finale, along with the BJY team which marched from Karnataka to Kashmir. Some joined the BJY at points on its Karnataka leg, from Gundlupet to Gudeballur in Raichur. Finally, almost four months later, it's over.

Will Bhavani cross the laxman rekha?

Former Prime Minister H D Deve Gowda's first family is back in the limelight. A rebellion of sorts has broken out in the innermost family circle, with Gowda's daughter-in-law **Bhavani**, wife of former minister H D Revanna, raring to fight the April/May assembly polls from Gowda's home turf Hassan. At a time former CM H D Kumaraswamy's wife Anita is making an exit from politics by 'sacrificing' her Ramanagara seat for her politically 'unsuccessful' son Nikhil, Bhavani Revanna is attempting to stake claim. She managed to push herself tactfully, as two of her sons have made successful debuts -- Prajwal won the LS seat from Hassan, and Dr Suraj the MLC seat from local bodies. If Bhavani gets the go-ahead, Hassan district politics will be in her control, turning her into a local high command.

Sweet news gives transport workers diabetes

Transport workers attached to the four corporations -- KSRTC, BMTC, KKSRTC, NWKSRTC -- recently protested, urging the state government to fulfil their 16 demands, including wage revision. During the protest, the workers said they have become diabetic and blamed transport minister Sriramulu for it. Wondering how? Our Transport Minister Sriramulu has been saying for a long time that transport workers will get sweet news (sihi suddi) with respect to the wage hike. Hearing the words 'sihi suddi' repeatedly, we have become diabetic as our sugar levels have shot up over his sweet words, but our wages have not."

BBC documentary screened in B'luru for the first time

NAMRATA SINDWANI @ Bengaluru

THE banned BBC documentary -- 'India: The Modi Question' -- was screened for the first time in Bengaluru late on Saturday night at the office of the All-India Students Association (AISA) on Infantry Road.

AISA had put out an invitation on various social media platforms on January 25, asking people to join them for a screening and discussion on a movie based on the rise of communalism in Indian society. The invitation did not mention the name of the documentary. It was only after the screening that AISA shared images of the screening on their social media sites on Sunday.

Aratrika Dey , an AISA convening member, told *TNIE*, "Around 40 students gathered at the AISA office to watch the BBC documentary and later participated in a discussion on the rise of communalism. The students were from Christ College, IISc, Azim Premji University, St Joseph's and a few other colleges. Members from the All-India Central Council of Trade Union too watched the documentary."

Srilakshmi Kunnandin, another AISA member who was at the screening, said they had expected only 10-15 students for the screening as students are scared of detention by the police, like in other states, for watching the documentary.

Srilakshmi said, "The screening went on smoothly and there was no ruckus. Later, we discussed issues of communalism, especially post-Godhra riots in 2002. The organisation believes that the ban on the documentary is a violation of the freedom of press. The ban seems like an attempt to hide the truth,"

She said the links of the documentary are being circulated in the name of recently released Shah Rukh Khan-starrer Pathaan, expecting people to download and watch it.

No complaint had been filed against the screening till late Sunday evening. An official from the higher education department said that since the movie was not screened in any college or educational institution, no action can be taken against them.

HINDUISM SEEKS PEACE: RSS LEADER

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Udupi

RSS leader Kalladka Prabhakar Bhat said that vested interests in society are trying to depict Hindu religion as one which is not secular.

"Hinduism is the only religion that seeks peace in the world," he said. He was speaking after inaugurating a religious meet at Shivapady Sri Umamaheshwara Temple, Manipal, here on Sunday.

Bhat said though several invaders tried to destroy Hindu temples, Hinduism sustained all the onslaughts. There is a systematic attempt to paint Hinduism in poor light even now, he said.

"Some may be trying to depict Hinduism as not being secular, but it is going to be a futile attempt. Hinduism is not a semitic religion, but a way of life. Hinduism shows one to lead a pious life. Though Mughal rulers, followers of Christianity attacked this nation and tried to destroy the pride of this land, Hinduism remained intact," he said.

Bhat went on to add that India is the only nation where God is worshipped in female form.

"Indians worship the power of the feminine. Attempts were made in the past to destroy all these great cultures. The belief systems of Hindus were wrongly depicted as superstitious beliefs in the past and some are continuing with that effort even now. This is an unfortunate trend," he said.

MOTHER TONGUE

Umbak Entha: Teaching Kodava Thak to children online

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Madikeri

WITH an aim to promote use of the mother tongue among children settled outside Kodagu, an online platform in the district has come up with a unique initiative. 'Umbak Entha' will soon extend 'Kodava Thak' (Kodava language) lessons to children from the community, even as a few adults have signed up to learn their mother tongue. "My nephew and niece who stay in Dubai often visit Kodagu. However, they did not know how to speak their mother tongue and this caused some communication gap with the grandparents. I started teaching them the Kodava language and now, we look forward to extending this facility to many others who face the same situation," explained Kalengada Bopanna, the founder of the 'Umbak Entha' online forum. While he and his wife, Shilpa Bopanna, often posted content on food blogging on the online site, it took a new turn recently, and will extend Kodava language lessons.

With a minimal charge, children aged between 5 and 15 can enrol for online lessons and learn their mother tongue. From basic Kodava words to numbers, the first month of the class will circle around basic knowledge on the language.

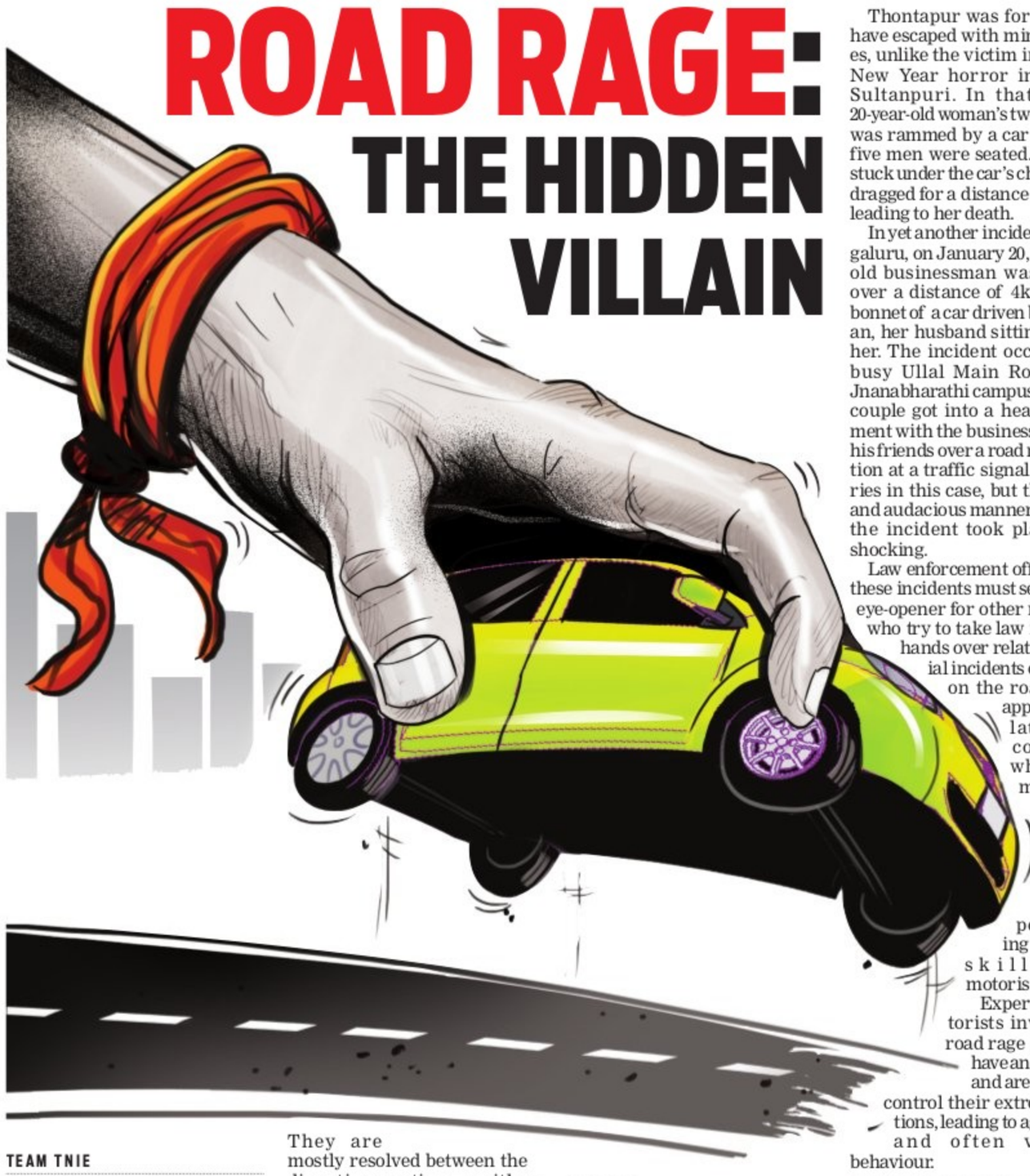
"A total of 31 students have already registered for the classes that will begin from February 4. Most of the students registered for the classes are from the US, the UK and Hong Kong. Others from Bengaluru and Hyderabad have also registered," he shared.

Alongside teaching Kodava Thak, the online classes will have one session focusing on teaching 'paddathis' or rituals of the Kodava community. "The online classes will be held once a week for an hour or so. However, during the fourth week, we will take a class on the rituals and culture of the Kodava community," he confirmed.

"While a majority of those who have registered are kids, we also have four adults, who will join us in learning their mother tongue. The classes on the language will be taught by homemakers who are well-versed with the language. For classes on rituals, guest lecturers from within the district will be appointed," he said.

A 23-year-old Keralite was stabbed to death in Poland. He has been identified as Sooraj Murali, who hails from Ollur in Thrissur. He was allegedly stabbed by his Georgian co-worker after a clash erupted between their gangs at the accommodation facility

ROAD RAGE: THE HIDDEN VILLAIN



TEAM TNIE

IF there is one thing that is consistently occurring on the roads of Karnataka without a single day's break — as much as across India and many parts of the world too — it is 'road rage'. And it is not just common, it is so rampant that it happens probably at multiple locations in a single square kilometre every few hours, especially in high-density urban locations like Bengaluru.

Interestingly, most of the road rage incidents go unreported. They are mostly resolved between the disputing parties — with or without police or public intervention — or the parties just go their ways leaving it unresolved, and subsequently forgotten.

Road rage, according to experts, is a sudden expression of anger triggered in a motorist in reaction to the behaviour of other motorists or pedestrians on the road.

But some shocking ones come into the limelight, with almost everyone equipped with a smartphone and present on social media platforms to "spread the news" with videos of shocking scenes of violent behaviour.

In one such incident, on January 17, 2023, 71-year-old Muthappa Shivayogi Thontapur, owner of a printing press in Heggana-halli, was dragged for almost a kilometre on West of Chord Road in Bengaluru, as he hung on to the pillion grab-handle of the two-wheeler as its 25-year-old rider, a medical representative, Sahil, tried to escape. He had banged into the former's parked four-wheeler while looking at his mobile phone while riding.

Thontapur was fortunate to have escaped with minor bruises, unlike the victim in the 2023 New Year horror in Delhi's Sultanpuri. In that case, a 20-year-old woman's two-wheeler was rammed by a car in which five men were seated. She was stuck under the car's chassis and dragged for a distance of 11 km, leading to her death.

In yet another incident in Bengaluru, on January 20, a 29-year-old businessman was carried over a distance of 4km on the bonnet of a car driven by a woman, her husband sitting next to her. The incident occurred on busy Ullal Main Road, near Jnanabharathi campus, after the couple got into a heated argument with the businessman and his friends over a road rule violation at a traffic signal. No injuries in this case, but the scenes and audacious manner in which the incident took place were shocking.

Law enforcement officials say these incidents must serve as an eye-opener for other motorists who try to take law into their hands over relatively trivial incidents occurring on the roads, over apparent violations or collisions which are mostly unintentional, but caused due to poor driving or riding skills of motorists.

Experts say motorists involved in road rage generally have anger issues and are unable to control their extreme emotions, leading to aggressive, and often violent, behaviour.

ROAD RAGE DISSECTED

Karnataka has 2.6 crore vehicles on the roads (as on March-end 2022) against a population of 6.1 crore. As of 2019 records, the state had about 1.68 crore motorists with driving licences. Poor screening of driving licence candidates, resulting in inadequately skilled people being granted driving licences, in turn leading to rampant violations on the road, collisions and accidents, is directly linked to road rage incidents.

Currently, anybody can get a driving licence through middlemen with an alleged nexus with RTO officials and driving schools. Over 30% of drivers of commercial and goods vehicles don't have licences, and lack basic knowledge of traffic rules and safety. Experts also point out an interesting facet about road rage – that it is more pronounced in India as a vehicle is looked upon as a status symbol by the motorist. A small collision, or being overtaken by another vehicle is a humiliating experience for the Indian motorist — especially if a "lesser" vehicle gets an "upper hand".

Psychiatrists term road rage a "psychological disorder" wherein the affected motorist is already going through high levels of anxiety, stress, violence or hostility, and the prevailing chaotic driving environment only takes them over the edge.

Dr Ravindra Munoli, Associate Professor, Department of Psychiatry, Kasturba Medical College, Manipal, says road rage is exhibited across genders and age groups, irrespective of their seemingly calm nature off the roads. Road rage is linked to a primitive brain-hormone response lacking rationalisation as well as emotional intelligence. That pushes the affected individual to feel the need to dominate over others, leading to aggression or anger. While driving, this can take ugly forms. Unfortunately, while medical tests are mandated prior to driving licence tests (but most RTOs bypass these by providing certificates from local medics), there are no psychological fitness tests in place to sight such signs in candidates.

Also, neither the Motor Vehicles Act or related penal statutes make road rage per se a punishable offence. Any resulting violence and its outcome — assault, molestation, death or injury, among others — can be booked under the Indian Penal Code (IPC), but not road rage itself. Which is why most road rage cases go unreported, only those ending in violence and resulting in death or injury do.

MA Saleem, Special Commissioner of Police (Traffic), Bengaluru, says the two recent road rage incidents in the city's West division, which happened over a span of four days, saw the accused in both cases landing in jail after being booked for attempt to murder under section 307 of the IPC.

TYPES OF ROAD RAGE

IMPATIENCE: Driving can trigger impatience among motorists rushing to get to their destinations in time. This could involve reckless driving, with the motorist giving priority to reaching his destination over and above the safety of others.

PASSIVE AGGRESSION: Using the vehicle as a means to demonstrate dominance over others, with no regard to the safety of others. In this type of road rage, the driver speeds up to prevent being overtaken by others, or tends to restrict others from merging into their own lane.

COMPETITIVE: Mostly motorists with competitive behaviour demonstrate this type of road rage. They always want to be ahead of the rest at traffic signals. Mostly, two-wheeler riders resort to this type of road rage, while weaving through traffic even when it has stopped at signals.

VOCAL: This involves cursing other motorists or shouting at them over what they feel is a violation. Many resorting to this type of road rage end up in violent exchanges, if not a prolonged argument and threats being exchanged.

VIOLENT: This is the worst type of road rage. It includes assault, and as in the recent case in Bengaluru and earlier in Delhi, using their vehicle as a weapon to cause harm or death.

CONTROL/ AVOID ROAD RAGE

- Control your anger and stay in or on your vehicle
- In case a motorist targets you, don't react, but call '112' to reach police and report the matter
- If something is bothering you, don't use driving to let off steam
- Do not take driving errors or traffic violations of others personally
- Understand that other motorists are as human as you are, and can commit errors
- Don't take law into your own hands to try and punish someone who has committed traffic violations. You can report it to police, though

BIG PICTURE

'NO EXCUSE FOR UNCIVILISED BEHAVIOUR'

Police are stringent in road rage cases, and all such cases are taken seriously. Most road rage incidents happen when the person at the wheel is late or not in a good frame of mind. On the spur of the moment, drivers lose control and tend to behave violently. Tell the other person to wait for police to avoid road rage. Traffic police regularly conducts campaigns for professional drivers on soft skills on how to behave on the road, and anybody can make use of it. More than the physical eye, digital eyes (cameras) are watching motorists.

MA Saleem, Special Commissioner of Police (Traffic), Bengaluru

'GROWING INDIFFERENCE, IMPERSONAL NATURE, THE CAUSE OF ROAD RAGE'

A major reason for the rise in the number of road rage cases is due to people's increased anger issues and low frustration tolerance. In today's world, people have become so used to getting things fast that they have become less patient. An intergenerational shift has been noticed where people of the current generation are seen becoming more impersonal and indifferent, especially in an urban setup.

DR Shivaram Varambally, Department of Psychiatry, Nimhans

Inputs from:
Praveen Kumar & Namrata Sindwani/Bengaluru; Prakash Samaga/Udupi; Prajna GR/Madikeri; Tushar A Majukar/Belagavi; Karthik KK/Mysuru; and BR Udaya Kumar/Hassan

TEARFUL ADIEU

Hundreds of people participate in the funeral procession of Wing Commander Hanumantarao Revanasiddappa Sarathi in Belagavi on Sunday. The 36-year-old pilot was martyred in a fighter jet accident involving Sukhoi - 30MKI and Mirage-2000 fighter planes in Madhya Pradesh's Morena district | EXPRESS

Marts on govt land, private agency to run them

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THE marts will be set up on government land and a private agency will run them, he said. The products will be affordable for the staff, he added. Since a large number of employees will come to buy items in bulk, it will also work out financially for the agency running them, he added.

Association sources said they are getting the land in every district to set up the marts. "In Bengaluru, however, we need four such marts. But the main issue is the availability of land. We will talk to the authorities concerned. The marts will be set up in each direction, making it convenient for staffers to buy from the nearest mart," they added.

EXPRESS READ

Baraguru collapses after literary event

Davangere: Noted Kannada writer Baraguru Ramachandrappa, who collapsed after attending a literary programme in Harihar on Sunday, was discharged from a private hospital. The writer addressed the gathering during the programme. Later, he was going to board his car when he collapsed. He was immediately rushed to a hospital and was discharged soon after. **ENS**

Girl dies as steel gate falls on her

Chennai: A five-and-a-half-year-old girl suffered fatal injuries after a sliding steel gate at a clothing store building in Kilpauk fell on her on Saturday night when a security guard tried to close it. The girl succumbed later in the hoispital. Police arrested security guard Sampath and building manager Srinivasan (63) on Sunday. **ENS**

ASI Gopal getting treatment for psychological issues, says wife

SISIR PANIGRAHY @Berhampur

AN uneasy calm in Berhampur city was breached by clamour when a bevy of media-persons descended at Ankuli soon after news broke that Gopal Das, the assistant sub inspector of police who pulled the triggers on health and family welfare minister Naba Kishore Das at Brajarajnagar, belonged to the area.

Gopal originally hailed from Jaleswarkhandi village and recently constructed his house at Ankuli where his wife Jayanti with their grown-up son and daughter reside.

Recruited as a constable in 1990-1992, he served at the reserve police till he was promoted as an ASI. A good footballer, Gopal was posted in Jharasuguda district in 2013 while his family lived in Jaleswarkhandi on the outskirts of Berhampur.

On Sunday, Gopal's family faced a barrage of questions. His wife Jayanti told the journalists that her husband was being treated for "psychological issues" for the last 7-8 years. He was under medication, a fact which State Police could not confirm, though.

Jayanti said her husband was treated at a private mental clinic in Kamapalli in Berhampur till 2019. As the clinic shut down after Covid pandemic, Gopal took the prescribed medicines himself.

He made a video call to our daughter but I could not talk to him as he disconnected the line. He said he had to attend another call. Then I came to know about the incident from media

Jayanti, wife of accused

IN THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - I KARNATAKA AT BANGALORE
4th Floor, Telephone House, RajBhavan Road, Bengaluru-560001.

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AND: 1) R.J. Resolutions and others ...DEFENDANTS

To, **1) R.J. Resolutions,** No. 90/2, 11th Cross, Viratnagar, Kodichikkanahalli Main Road, Begur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore - 560 068. ...DEFENDANT No. 1

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT NO. 1 UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES 1993.

Whereas the applicant has instituted an application under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Bankruptcy Act 1993 against the defendant for recovery of sum Rs. 20,08,387-00 (Rupees Twenty Lakhs Eighty Thousand Three Hundred and Eighty seven only) together with current and future interest and for other relief.

You are hereby summoned to appear and file written statement before this Tribunal at 10.30 A M or at such time immediately thereafter according to the convenience of Tribunal **on 20.6.2023** to answer the claim.

Take Notice that in default of your appearance on the day mentioned herein before, the proceeding will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this the 27th day of January 2023.

By order of the Tribunal, Signature of the Officer Authorised to issue Summons.

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No.	Tender Id	Items
1	2023_KMML_551218_1	For fabrication and supply of Water Cooled Condenser E206A
2	2023_KMML_550346_1	For the supply of Refractory Castable
3	2023_KMML_550852_1	For fabrication & supply of Rotor and Vessel (Stator) of Sand Mill

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POSSESSION NOTICE
Rule 8(2) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Whereas the authorized officer of **SUNDARAM HOME FINANCE LIMITED** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a **Demand Notice U/s. 13(2) dated 25-11-2022** calling upon the **Borrower Mr. Roushan Pasha, Co-Borrower Mrs. Parveen Taj** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 55,54,698/- (Rupees Fifty Five Lakhs Fifty Four Thousand Six Hundred Ninety Eight Only)** being the amount due and payable under the **Loan Account number BJN20200079** + interest @24% p.a from 01-10-2022 + Future Interest + Statutory Expenditure + Legal expenses + Incidental charges within 60 days from the date of publication of the notice on 25-11-2022.

The Borrower, Co-Borrower having failed to repay the amount as mentioned above, notice is hereby given to the Borrower, Co-Borrower and the public in general that the Authorised Officer has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said Rules on this **27-01-2023.**

The borrower's attention is invited to provision of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

The Borrower, Co-Borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **SUNDARAM HOME FINANCE LIMITED** for an amount **Rs. 58,62,357/- (Rupees Fifty Eight Lakhs Sixty Two Thousand Three Hundred Fifty Seven Only) as of 27-01-2023** and interest thereon @ 24% p. a. + Statutory Expenditure + Legal expenses + Incidental charges.

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY: All that piece and parcel of the property bearing New Municipal No.12/2 PID No. 95-356-12/2, 7th Cross, Cauvery Nagar, Old BBMP Ward No. 95, New BBMP Ward No. 32, Kavalbyrasandra (Formerly middle portion property bearing No. 12, earlier Site No. 31, Old Khatha No. 422, situated at Nagavara Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk), Bangalore, measuring East to West 30 Feet and North to South 41 Feet, totally measuring 1230 Square Feet along with 4 Square A.C. Sheet roofed house, with red oxide flooring, jungle wood doors and windows and **bounded on:** East by: Portion of same property No. 12 (Site No. 32), West by: Portion of same property No. 12 (Site No. 30), North: by : Road, South by: Private Property.

Date: 27-01-2023 **for SUNDARAM HOME FINANCE LTD., AUTHORISED OFFICER**

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN : U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No: DWD/EEE/220KV-NR/2022-23/AE(M)/F-76/2113-17 Date27.01.2023

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KPTCL invites following Office tenders pertaining to Sub-Stations 220kV R/S Narendra, KPTCL, Dharwad:

1. Supply of Numerical Directional & Non Directional relays for 33KV Bank & Feeder at 110KV MUSS M R Nagar.
2. Supply of 3 no's of Vaccum Interrupter Bottle at Kalaghatagi
3. Supply of Rubber Mats required at 110kV S/s KUD
4. Supply of 220kV PT Selector Switches and 220kV Breaker Control Switches at 220KV R/s Narendra
5. Supply of ACDB Spares at 110kV S/s Belur & 110kV S/s KUD

Enquiry Details may be obtained from the office of the undersigned **from 30.01.2023 at 10:00 Hrs onwards.** Due date **07.02.2023 04:00 pm.**

Sd/- Executive Engineer (Ele),
220kV R/S Narendra, KPTCL, Belagavi Road, Mummigatti (PO) Dharwad-580011 Ph No.: 0836-2780144

IDFC FIRST Bank Limited
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CIN : L65110TN2014PLC097792
Registered Office: KRM Towers, 7th Floor, Harrington Road, Chetpet, Chennai - 600031. TEL: +91 44 4564 4000 | FAX: +91 44 4564 4022.
Authorized Officer – Mr Sardar Param Singh | Contact No. - 8333853064
Mr Debjyoti Roy | Contact No. - 9874702021.

APPENDIX- IV-A [See provision to rule 8 (6)]
SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **IDFC First Bank Limited Formally known as Capital First Limited,** will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on **7th March 2023,** for recovery of **INR 2668698.08/-** as on **15th November 2019** due to the **IDFC First Bank Limited** from **1. Munikrishnappa G, 2. Roopa M.** The Reserve Price will be **INR 41,00,400/- (Rupees Forty-One Lakhs and Four Hundred Only)** and the Earnest Money Deposit will be **INR 4,10,040/- (Rupees Four Lakhs Ten Thousand and Forty only).**

DESCRIPTION OF MORTGAGE PROPERTY

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF PROPERTY BEARING OF The Property Bearing Extract Of E Swathu No.122, Property No.15020030110010061, Assigned To The Old House List No.122, Katha No.135, Measuring East To West 43 Feet And North To South 26 ½ Feet, Situated At Doddathoguru Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Comprising Of A Building Bounded On : **East By : House Is Belongs To Mr. Krishnappa, West By : Road And 8 Feet Vacant Place, North By : Property Belongs To Mr. Nagappa Reddy, South By : Property Belongs To Hanumantharayappa Temple**

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Sd/-
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COERCIVE DIPLOMACY TO RENEGOTIATE THE INDUS WATER TREATY

A multilateral agreement that has stood the test of time is now arguably facing its toughest test as India has put Pakistan on notice to renegotiate the Indus Water Treaty. India's coercive diplomacy is not just against Pakistan but also against the World Bank, whose leadership in the past had done commendable work by negotiating the treaty way back in 1960. India reckons the current leadership of the World Bank erred by allowing two problem-resolution mechanisms on the same matter to run concurrently though the rule book allows for only one at a time for their graded escalation. The treaty, while allowing Pakistan unrestricted access to waters of the Indus, Jhelum and Chenab, lets India tap them for limited use. The difference in perception is about hydroelectric power projects built by India on their tributaries.

While Pakistan in 2015 sought a neutral expert to look into the differences, and India was okay with it, a year later, it unilaterally wanted the matter sent to the court of arbitration. Mark the diplomatese: If differences aren't resolved by a neutral expert, they are treated as disputes and taken up for arbitration. After putting the matter on ice for six years, the World Bank inexplicably set up both mechanisms simultaneously last year, resulting in India boycotting the arbitration court. India reasoned that it would be ridiculous if the two mechanisms came up with conflicting findings and jeopardised the treaty. In its tit-for-tat, the government slapped a notice on Pakistan to join the talks table within 90 days as per the treaty since it refused to discuss the issue under the Permanent Indus Commission that meets at least once a year.

India appears to have taken a calibrated step to leverage its upper riparian advantage to renegotiate the treaty. Though the government sought to underplay it as a technical matter, employing the dispute as a counterweight to curb cross-border terror is very much on the table. Prime Minister Narendra Modi had in 2016 said after the Uri attack that blood and water cannot flow simultaneously. However, India lacks the ability to impound or divert those waters, even if it wants to. How it would eventually play its coercive cards remains to be seen. But after staying neutral in the Ukraine war despite humongous Western pressure, the government perhaps reckons it can deal with a weak Pakistan and the World Bank on its terms.

GOVT NEEDS A 'RETHINK' ON THE PLI SCHEME

While the Production-Linked Incentive (PLI) given to chosen manufacturers in certain sectors has won many plaudits, many doubters have raised pertinent questions about the scheme. As anticipations grow that the government might extend the scheme to more sectors in the forthcoming budget, the Centre needs to consider the many 'shortcomings' experts have pointed out about PLI. The government has offered scheme benefits to manufacturers in 14 sectors since March 2020. Over 600 applications have been approved. Official data shows that till September 2022, investments worth ₹41,000 crore had come under the scheme against the expected ₹2.71 lakh crore, and around two lakh jobs have been created against the desired 60 lakh jobs.

Critics have questioned the scheme for various reasons, including allocating scarce government resources to the scheme, which may prove unviable in the long run in the absence of overarching reforms to attract investment into manufacturing sectors. Many sectors already under the PLI's ambit may not necessarily be labour or capital-intensive. Instead of offering incentives to all sectors, the government should focus on capital-intensive and job-creating sectors. Some say it has been extended to many sectors where India already has a good track record of manufacturing, like in pharma, steel and auto components.

The government has taken some tariff measures and is likely to take more to 'support' manufacturing in India. Some experts have pointed out that tariff measures like high customs duty on raw materials and intermediary goods could punish those PLI sectors that depend on importing these goods to manufacture in India. Others say that India needs a more predictable and stable regulatory regime for manufacturing to grow, and more favourable trade pacts for access to newer export markets. Without an enabling environment, there is a serious question of whether some manufacturers will continue producing in India after the scheme gets over in five years. There is also the ethical question of subsidising huge corporates at the cost of a large section of society which still has no access to good healthcare, habitation and education. Extending PLI to additional sectors means weaning more resources from areas like education and healthcare. Therefore, the government might also want to listen to the critics and not go the whole hog on the PLI scheme in the budget.

QUICK TAKE

IDENTITY AND TRUST DEFICIT

A digital family ID card is introduced in J&K to confirm family members' eligibility for government welfare schemes. The idea is people don't have to apply individually for benefits. But in the border state, citizens wonder how many more IDs they will need besides government issues, Aadhaar, security passes, ration cards and passports. This shouldn't end up as a means to exert greater control over people. Some other states also have family IDs, and they generate similar concerns—data protection, misuse and surveillance in the name of national security that breaches privacy. More IDs only mean a greater trust deficit.

The last citadel of freedom, the judiciary, is under attack. While the ruling class has captured all other institutions, the lone one that can protect our freedoms, is the judiciary

WE THE PEOPLE MUST NEVER LET FREEDOM DIE

KAPIL SIBAL
Senior lawyer and member of Rajya Sabha

SOUMYADIP SINHA

As we celebrate the 74th year of our Republic, we must cherish the memory of those who won us this hard-fought freedom. We must also cherish our Republic's Constitution, carefully crafted to ensure that our institutions protect us from the intrusions of the ruling class. Ultimately, freedom resides in the hearts of men and women, so beautifully put by the great Learned Hand, a judge in the United States. He went on to say that if it dies in the hearts of men and women, then no Constitution, no law can save it.

It is, therefore, the people of India who must not only cherish but be ready to protect their freedoms. Today, I witness the silence of millions of our people, a silence that troubles me. Most are silent because they have no real voice. Others are silent because they are afraid. The middle class is silent because it prefers to remain silent. Large sections of the middle class are loath to break their silence because the status quo is a more comfortable option as long as their peace is not disturbed.

As far as our institutions are concerned, they are constitutionally obliged to keep at bay the intrusions of the political class. However, these institutions, too, seem to have been silenced. Some of them, in fact, bend over backwards to please the ruling class. The Election Commission, which has the constitutional obligation to ensure free and fair elections, is seen to be a collaborator of the government.

Today, its institutional integrity is suspect. Its inability to ensure free and fair elections, its hesitation to deal with those in the government and those belonging to the party in power (who openly violate the Model Code of Conduct during the course of an ongoing election), the alacrity with which it phases out elections in particular states as well as the timing of the electoral processes, are evidence of its unwillingness to function as a neutral umpire when dealing with electoral misdemeanours. The way it recently agreed to take forward the "freebie" debate—asking political parties to give their responses—was in direct contrast to its stand before the Supreme Court. In an affidavit, it solemnly said that it cannot be constitutionally involved in dealing with issues regarding "freebies" promised during the course of an election; that it was not the appropriate forum to be dealing with these issues. But its compromising attitude, when it comes to safeguarding the interests of the ruling class, is a matter of grave concern.

The independence of our investigating authorities, be it the Enforcement Directorate, the Central Bureau of Investigation, or the National Investigation Agency, has often been compromised by those who head these agencies, particularly in cases where the interests of the ruling class are at stake or can be served. Pursuant to appointments made by the government of the chosen few for its political ends, the partisan manner in which investigating agencies have targeted individuals seeking to besmirch the reputation of political parties, especially the Opposition, is on public display.

Only an independent investigating agency can ensure that its machinery is used in a bipartisan manner for the cause of justice and not for the cause of the government that it is beholden to. Journalists, ordinary citizens, students, teachers, political opponents, bureaucrats, and those who are perceived not to be associated with the ideology of the ruling party, are systematically targeted and their reputations destroyed. Investigations are launched selectively, seeking to protect those belonging to the political party in power despite damaging evidence available against them.

Governors have become the spokespersons of the ruling class. We have, in fact, witnessed a chief minister being installed in the early hours of the morning, knowing fully well that those sworn in had no majority behind them. We have seen governors administering oath to rampant defectors against whom disqualification petitions are pending. We have seen governors violate provisions of the Constitution, resulting in the court castigating them for their actions both in Uttarakhand and Arunachal Pradesh. We have also seen governors sitting over legislations passed by the ruling party in states, not allowing them to be given effect, and much more.

We are witnessing our educational institutions being slowly driven by the ideology of the ruling class. This is being done by resorting to selective appointments of those who espouse the cause of a particular ideology or have an affinity towards that ideology.

We have watched, in dismay, the media surrendering before the ruling class and becoming its propaganda outfit, ensuring that the Opposition does not get adequate space on its platform. The ruling class has a field day supported by anchors who are openly aligned, by their actions, with the power structures in place. We hear of the government's achievements but not of its rampant failures. Images are manipulated to create negativity towards the Opposition and sound bites often spew venom.

The last citadel of freedom, namely, the judiciary, is under attack. While the ruling class has captured all other institutions, the one that remains, which alone can protect our freedoms, is the judiciary. The recent unsavory statement by a minister of the government that it must have the ultimate say in the appointment of judges to the higher judiciary—shows the government's mindset in ensuring that "their men" are appointed—so that the entire state is in the hands of not just the ruling class but of a few in the ruling class.

Once these institutions are destroyed or diminished by those who man them, the cause of freedom will be lost. We cannot let that happen. We need to ensure that those who fought hard for our freedom did not do so in vain. As we enter the 75th year of our Republic, let it not be said that we the people failed the Republic. We cannot afford that. We are the largest democracy in the world, a world in which freedoms already are in danger.

(Tweets @KapilSibal)

TURNING AWAY FROM *TAMAS* AND TAKING THE PATH OF LIGHT

RENUKA NARAYANAN

FAITHLINE

A little bouquet of stories comes to mind after Republic Day, which I would like to retell. They illuminate the optimistic nature of Indian tradition, that even if we stray from goodness we can find our way back, sometimes in the strangest ways. One is about a 'Gita' or spiritual discourse, from the unlikeliest source, Kamsa. We find it in the *Srimad Bhagavatam*. Just after Yogmaya slips out of Kamsa's death-grasp in Mathura Jail, she flies up and tells Kamsa that his killer is born and alive elsewhere.

They say that any association with anything genuinely holy improves us. That is why we are urged to seek the company of the good and reject the company of the bad. That brief contact with Yogmaya deeply affects Kamsa. He uncuffs Devaki and Vasudeva and tearfully begs their pardon for mistreating them. He then delivers a potted Gita on the delusional effects of attachment and desire, the harm caused by the ego's ignorance, and the temporary nature of the physical body compared to the eternal nature of the soul inside each person.

Alas, the fit of goodness passes when Kamsa returns to his courtiers, who encourage his dark side. His surrender to the force of good is overtaken by plots to find and finish his appointed killer. But as a result, Kamsa can think of nothing but Krishna. Without meaning to, he becomes centred on God. It is a strange route to *sharanagati* or refuge in God but that's what it is.

Kamsa brings back the parable of the thief who wanted to steal from Krishna. The story goes that a thief in South India happened to pass by a temple where people had gathered to hear a spiritual discourse by a well-known *pauranikar* or teller of religious stories.

Seeing them, the thief hoped to steal something and quietly found himself a place. He heard the *pauranikar* lovingly describe Krishna's earrings, armbands and necklace of precious gems. The thief had grown up neglected; he had never been taken to a temple, nor had he ever heard a discourse. But he was most interested. He thought Krishna was a person somewhere nearby and wanted to steal his jewellery.

"Where does Krishna live?" he asked the people around him. They laughed and told him to ask the *pauranikar*. The thief waited until the discourse ended and the *pauranikar* emerged.

"Where does Krishna live?" he asked without preamble.

"You can't see him just like that," laughed the *pauranikar*.

"You'd better tell me!" said the thief menacingly.

"Go north to a place called Vrindavan. You'll find him there if you ask," parried the *pauranikar*, trying to escape.

The thief made his way north with the greatest difficulty, obsessed with finding Krishna. He thought of Krishna every step of the way to Vrindavan, where they nodded understandingly and sent him to the woods. And there, under a fine kadamba tree, he found Krishna looking exactly as described. Krishna spoke affectionately

FILE PICTURE

Shiva and Parvati decided to visit Kashi in the form of two old beggars. They asked for a drink of water but nobody bothered to spare them a glance

to the thief and fondly gave him some of his jewellery. The delighted thief went back south and sought out the *pauranikar* to tell him of his success.

The *pauranikar* was distraught.

"Lord, I have spent my life speaking about you," he wept. "Why have you never favoured me with a glimpse?" But he knew why. The thief, though intent on thieving, had thought of nothing but God, which had cleansed his heart and blessed him. Unknowingly, he had attained *sharanagati*.

Another story tells us about a miraculous transformation. It's about Charandas, the laziest person in his village, who was always looking for a shortcut. He was an orphan who was loosely adopted by the villagers and grew into a liability for he bunked the classes at the village school, refused to learn a trade or a skill but showed up at people's doors rubbing his belly. He knew perfectly well that the villagers would give him food just to make him go away.

One day the village buzzed with excitement. The priest had come back safely from a long pilgrimage and in gratitude had exchanged the copper pot above the *Shivling* with a silver pot. It was a beautiful sight. Even Charandas dropped by for a look.

"Where did you buy this fine silver pot?" asked a villager.

"At Kashi, of course, you get everything there," said the priest.

"A man could live for a year on its cost," said another villager.

Charandas felt as though lightning had hit his body. He stole the pot at night and ran away to Kashi where he sold it and set up as a thief, preying on the scores of pilgrims. His fall from grace was as simple as that. The years of laziness had filled him with the sludge of *tamas*, of negative energy. All it took was one tempting possibility to push him over.

One day, Shiva and Parvati decided on a whim to visit Kashi in the form of two old beggars. They asked piteously for a drink of water but nobody bothered to spare them a glance for they were all so intent on their own salvation. Charandas strolled by, trying to spot victims, and tripped over the old man. But instead of scolding him, the old lady asked anxiously if he was hurt. Touched by her concern, Charandas offered the old man his gourd of Ganga water.

"Please speak a word of truth in his ear, child," urged the old lady gently.

Softened already, Charandas felt a sudden rush of shame.

"The truth is that I am a thief, Granny," he blurted.

The beggars vanished and in their place stood Shiva and Parvati, glowing in utter beauty as Gauri-Shankar. Charandas fell at their feet, stunned. The vision disappeared but Charandas was a changed man now. He wanted to keep his happy, uplifted state of mind. He counted his money, bought a new silver pot, and returned to his village to confess and make a fresh start. That one flash of pure honesty at God's feet had retrieved him.

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Towards govt transparency

Apropos of *#Budget2023: What is India's welfare expenditure?* (Jan 29). In India, a 'Petition Parliament' must be established. This promotes democracy by allowing citizens to propose new laws and regulations, and put forward ideas and concerns. Further, we can improve government transparency and accountability by bringing specific issues and concerns to the attention of Parliament.

Dr S Balasubramaniyan, Villupuram

Citizen power

Apropos of *Plea for citizens' role in Parliament* (Jan 29). There has been an innovative development in our parliamentary democracy with the SC agreeing to consider a plea that empowers citizens to petition in Parliament. Since the performance of MPs is not up to the mark, the need for such petitioning arises.

B V K Thampi, Thiruvananthapuram

More inclusivity

Apropos of *Plea for citizens' role in Parliament* (Jan 29). If such a system does come into place, the move can be considered a major leap towards becoming a more inclusive and transparent democracy. It is crucial that priority is given to public interest, thereby ensuring constructive discussions in Parliament.

K R Goud, email

All politics

Apropos of the picture on Page 1, '*New Name, Old Charm*' (Jan 29). The renaming of the Mughal Gardens of Rashtrapati Bhavan as Amrit Udyan is uncalled for. The latest renaming venture is yet another instance of the Central government's deep-seated repugnance to anything that it considers incompatible with its political ideology. One cannot help but wonder how the government that started off on the plank of 'Maximum governance' could spare so much time and resource for this kind of work.

S Balu, email

Tidying up needed

Apropos of *After bribery scandal, judicial clean-up must* (Jan 28). This needs to be taken seriously by the Kerala High Court, the Supreme Court, the Bar Council of India, the CBI, among others. This must be done to save probity in the higher judiciary, which is suspected of corruption.

Hullasa Behera, Bhubaneswar

Quick action only way

With reference to the judicial bribery issue in Kerala, there would be no damage control other than fast and thorough investigation and punishment for the guilty. The editorial *After bribery scandal, judicial clean-up must* (Jan 28) has beautifully conveyed this.

Geetha B K, Mangaluru

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Shashi Tharoor @ShashiTharoor
All of us Dakshin Bharatvasis would be grateful if the Hindi Rashtravadis running MyGov.in could take the trouble to learn the names of states

Narendra Modi @narendramodi
You will be happy to know about Purple Fest - an effort in Goa furthering accessibility and inclusivity for persons with disabilities. #MannKiBaat

Priyanka Chaturvedi @priyankac19
The GoI would have you believe the age for woman to marry is only after she is 21. Same party's CM will tell you best age for a woman to be a mother

Budget session beginning Jan 31 to be stormy

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

THE Budget session of Parliament that starts on January 31 is expected to witness high drama even as the first two day of the session will have no zero hour and question hour.

Meanwhile, the Modi government is in full preparation for presenting the last full Budget before the 2024 general elections.

The session will have neither 'Zero Hour' nor the 'Question Hour' in the first two days as it commences with the customary address by President Droupadi Murmu to the joint sitting of both Houses in the Central Hall of Parliament.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman will present the Budget for 2023-24, which includes proposals for the railway Budget, on February 1 in Lok Sabha.

Later, the minister will table the Budget proposals in the Upper House.

According to the official bulletin, "members of Parliament are informed that owing to the address of the President to both Houses assembled together on January 31 and the presentation of the Union Budget on February 1, there will be no 'Zero' hour on both the days".

There will be a discussion on the 'Motion of Thanks to the President Address 'after Prime Minister Narendra Modi's reply in both Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha on February 2.

The first round of Budget session will start on January 31 and will continue till February 13. The second round will commence on March 13 and will continue till April 6.

Lok Sabha has fixed February 3, March 17 and March 31 for the transaction of Private Members' Business during the 11th session of the 17th Lok Sabha, while February 10, March 24 and April 6 have been allotted for giving notices of Resolutions in the Lok Sabha.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday chaired a meeting of the Union council of ministers. The PM discussed various issues and preparations of different ministries.

As the budget, which is to be presented on February 1 is the last full Budget of the Modi government before the Lok Sabha elections, the PM discussed and reviewed the preparations of all ministries.

First round

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Centre drags its feet on OBC sub-categorisation

BJP does not want to upset caste equation ahead of key polls

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

WITH the Rohini Commission, which looks into the sub-categorisation of Other Backward Classes (OBCs) getting another extension for the thirteenth time in a row, the government seems to be dragging its feet on the vexed issue of categorising OBCs. With nine assembly elections this year and Lok Sabha polls lined up next year, the development assumes significance as any OBC categorisation will have political ramifications for the ruling BJP government at the Centre.

Though the commission was expected to submit its report on January 31, it has now got a six-month extension till July 31. As there is very limited data on various OBC categories, the Justice G Rohini Commission, which was set up in 2017 was tasked with forming scientific data on sub-categories and ensuring equitable redistribution of 27 percent of quota benefits among all sub-communities. Though the panel was to submit its report by January 2, 2018, it has missed several deadlines since then.

In the last six years, the commission has gotten many extensions around the time of state or parliamentary elections, so that the electoral outcomes are not affected.

BJP insiders say that as the party is planning a major OBC push in the 2024 general elections, it wouldn't want to upset any caste equations. "The party can't afford to lose the support of the influential OBC communities, which has been a force behind BJP's electoral gains since 2014," he says. In July last year, the commission's tenure was extended till January 31, 2023, even without a demand from the panel on the same.

When asked about the reason for extending the tenure of the panel till July 31, Union Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment Ramdas Athawale did not offer any specific reason to this newspaper.

In an interview with this paper last year, Athawale had said that the report is getting delayed as the Centre gave the panel an additional mandate of recommending corrections for repetitions and inconsistencies in the OBC list.

According to a 2018 report, 37 percent of the 2,600 communities in the OBC central list have zero representation in jobs and institutes. It also shows that only 2.68 percent of reservation has been availed by 994 castes. A senior BJP leader told this paper that though the party was expecting to build political support from marginalised OBC groups with this move, it can't invite the ire of dominant groups with categorisation.

YET ANOTHER EXTENSION

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The panel was to submit its report on **January 31** following the previous extension

Now, panel has till **July 31** following the new six month-extension

POWER GAMES

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Passing The Mantle

SHARAD YADAV'S LAST MOVE TO BEQUEATH LEGACY

Sharad Yadav's son Shantanu will bury a part of the deceased leader's mortal remains at his karmabhoomi Madhepura. This is in keeping with the wishes of his father. He had told his family not to immerse his ashes in a river as it would pollute its waters. He had asked them to bury part of his remains at his family home in Babai in Hoshangabad district of Madhya Pradesh and part in Madhepura, which he represented in Parliament. The leader's remains will be taken from Patna to Madhepura in a huge cavalcade which will leave the state capital on February 4. Shantanu is part of the RJD and is considered close to its leader Tejashwi Yadav. The entire RJD apparatus has been pressed into action to make the 200-odd km yatra a success. Shantanu was given the surname Bundela by his father. But he plans to change it to Yadav and contest the next Lok Sabha election from his father's constituency. His sister Subhasini too had changed her surname before contesting the assembly election as a Congress candidate from the Biharganj assembly constituency in Madhepura.

Poll Bugle

BUDGET WILL BALANCE POPULISM & FISCAL PRUDENCE

Finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman will present the Narendra Modi government's last budget on Wednesday before it goes into the next general election. Governments usually tend to go populist in their last Budgets by loosening their purse strings to woo the voters with sops. Sources, however, said that the Prime Minister has asked Sitharaman not to allow politics to get the better of economics. The finance minister, therefore, is not likely to play Santa. There may be minor tax relief for the middle class. The focus of the Budget, sources said, will be to boost to the green economy and overall growth. For this, the capital expenditure may see a hike with the government allocating more funds for creating infrastructure. The private sector investment is yet to pick up post-Covid. Government capex will, therefore, help boost growth and create jobs which will be another plus in the pre-election budget. The Prime Minister's commitment to producing 50% energy from renewable sources by 2030 and India's long-term net zero emission goals will see more incentives flowing for the green energy sector. The Budget will reflect the Prime Minister's confidence in winning another term in office.

Bharat Jodo

SPLINTERED OPPN TO SPOIL RAHUL'S YATRA FINALE

Rahul Gandhi's 146-day-long Kanyakumari-to-Kashmir Bharat Jodo Yatra covering 75 districts and fourteen states concludes on Monday with a big show of opposition unity. Leaders of 12 opposition parties are expected to attend the grand finale at Srinagar. Among the parties that would join the concluding day function will be DMK, NCP, RJD, JD(U), Shiv Sena, CPI(M), CPI, JMM, NC and PDP. The prominent absentees would be Trinamool Congress, Samajwadi Party, AAP, TDP, BSP and BRS. Asked why only 12 out of 21 parties invited to the function are attending, a senior Congress leader said they have their compulsions. He said the Prime Minister has roped in some of them as part of his Plan B post-2024 poll. According to this prominent Congress leader, there are at least four major opposition parties that may either vote in favour or abstain to help Modi return as PM in case BJP falls short of the majority mark in the next Lok Sabha election. The fissures in the opposition are deep. But the end of the yatra will see an attempt to bring the opposition parties together. Nitish Kumar and Lalu Yadav had met Sonia Gandhi to discuss the larger unity of opposition parties. Sonia asked them to wait until the end of Rahul's yatra. It remains to be seen if the opposition can bury its differences and come together on one platform.

50-yr-old Sagar Samrat rig re-opened as mobile offshore production unit

AMIT MUKHERJEE @ New Delhi

RE-DEDICATING the iconic Sagar Samrat drilling rig, as a mobile offshore production unit to the nation, Union Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas Hardeep S Puri said that besides operating in the deep waters now, the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation's (ONGC) platform will also be able to explore resources which have remained untapped.

"A positive step in India's steady journey towards energy self-sufficiency by 2047, this unit will be able to operate in deep waters and will open up new opportunities to access previously untapped reserves." Puri said. Speaking at the event, the Minister said that the government intends to increase India's exploration acreage to 0.5 million sq km by 2025 and 1.0 million sq km by 2030.

He also said that the government has been successful in reducing the 'No Go' area by 99 per cent, thereby making available an additional 1 million sq km of India's EEZ for exploration. Several MNCs have showb keen interest to invest in the Indian E&P segment, and some are already in talks with ONGC for firming up mutually beneficial partnerships.

Dedicating the rig to the nation, the minister said that this state-of-the-art facility will handle up to 20,000 BPD of crude oil, with a maximum export gas capacity of 2.36 MCM per day & is expected to add 6000 bbls/day of oil to India's production in the coming days. "Re-coronation of Sagar Samrat is a testament to the courage and willingness to make a difference in the face of uncertainties and the tumultuous forces of nature through re-alignment and innovation," Puri said.

In a tweet, Puri said, "Sagar Samrat now rules the sea as a Mobile Offshore Production Unit. Joined energy soldiers of ONGC At the re-coronation of a valuable asset. Sagar Samrat Rig built in 1973 was instrumental in 14 key offshore oil & gas discoveries & drilled around 125 wells."

Commissioned in 1973, Sagar Samrat turned the tides of India's oil fortune by putting it on the global oil map. In 32 years, Sagar Samrat has drilled almost 125 wells and has been involved with 14 key offshore oil and gas discoveries in India.

Polls on horizon, RSS plans key annual meet in Haryana from March 12

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

THE Akhil Bharatiya Partinidhi Sabha, the top decision-making body of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS), will have wider deliberations and discussions over several pressing issues at its three-day long annual meeting starting from March 12 at Sonipat in Haryana.

This meet have the attendance of national and regional office-bearers from across the country, including RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat.

According to RSS's Akhil Bharat Pracharak Pramukh (all-India publicity chief) Sunil Ambekar, the Sangh's "varshik Akhil Bharatiye Partinidhi Sabha" will be held at Samalkha village in Sonipat district of Haryana.

Sources in RSS said that all top leaders will have wider deliberations on issues like growing population and emerging imbalance. Environmental conservation, western influence on the younger generation, steps for enhancing social harmony, quality education through mother-tongues and other issues concerning efforts for making India as 'Aatmnirbhar Shreshtha-Bharat' will be discussed.

"A roadmap for the next 2024 Lok Sabha elections is likely to be prepared at the three-day meeting. BJP national president and national general secretary (organisation) BL Santosh and other leaders may have their presence on any day of the three-day of meeting," a source said.

Plea in SC challenges Centre's ban on BBC docu

SHRUTI KAKKAR @ New Delhi

SERIAL litigant M L Sharma has approached SC against centre's decision to ban" a BBC documentary on the 2002 Gujarat riots in the country.

Levelling allegations that the ban was"malafide, arbitrary and unconstitutional", Sharma in his plea has also sought for examining the documentary. He has also sought for taking actions against persons involved directly or indirectly in Gujarat riots.

Raising questions of constitutional importance, Sharma has urged the apex court to decide whether citizens under article 19(1)(a) have the right to see news, facts and reports on the 2002 Gujarat riots.

Seeking to quash order dated January 21, 2023 of the Union Ministry of the Information and Broadcasting, the plea states, "Whether without having an emergency declared under Article 352 of the Constitution of India by the President, emergency provisions can be invoked by the Central government?"

G-20 Chandigarh meet from today, to focus on global debt situation

HARPREET BAJWA @Chandigarh

THE maiden G20 International Financial Architecture Working Group meeting will be held on January 30 and 31 in Chandigarh, the capital of Punjab and Haryana, under the presidency of India.

Leaders will take a comprehensive look at the global debt situation, sources said.

The meeting will discuss ways to enhance the stability and cohesion of international financial architecture and how to make it fit for addressing the global challenges of 21st century.

The meeting will also focus on exploring ways to provide maximum economic support to poor and vulnerable countries.

Talking to the media Anu P Mathai, adviser, Trade Policy Division, Department of Commerce said, "This working group deals with issues related to international financial architecture such as global financial safety net (GFSN), matters related to development finance, managing debt vulnerabilities and enhancing debt transparency, capital flow management and promoting local currency bond markets."

"Debt is a big part of the agenda of this working group. With the pandemic, debt distress has become aggravated. Therefore, during the pandemic, one major step was taken to defer the debt repayment of very poor countries. That was something called the debt suspension service initiative," said Mathai.

That was intimated during the Saudi Arabia presidency of the G-20 in 2020. From that, it moved on to the common treatment of debt repayment. An attempt was made to restructure the debt of the very poor countries. "Along with it, the transparency of debt has also become relevant," said Mathai.

Agenda

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HINDENBURG

Centre made LIC into Loot Investment for Cronies: Cong

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

CONGRESS on Sunday trained its gun on the BJP government over the report from US short seller Hindenburg research and the Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) of India's exposure to the Adani Group.

Coming down heavily on the government, Congress national chief Mallikarjun Kharge said that the 'Modi government changed LIC'name to 'Loot Investment for Cronies'.

Taking to twitter, the Congress national chief said that LIC, the country's largest life insurer, continues to invest money into Adani Group's flagship unit even after LIC shares lost ₹22,442 crore in two days after the report.

The Congress party also questioned the 'silence' of Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and probe agencies after LIC and the State Bank of India (SBI) lost over ₹78,000 crore in market capitalisation of their shares due to exposure in Adani Group.

Modi stresses turning e-waste into gold, focuses on millet-rich diet

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

MILLETS, e-waste, Kashmir's serene beauty, scientific research, tribals among Padma awardees were some of the topics that figured prominently in Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 'Mann Ki Baat' on Sunday.

"If e-waste is not disposed of properly, it can harm our environment. But if done carefully, it can become a great force in the circular economy of recycle and reuse," Modi said in this year's first episode of 'Mann Ki Baat'.

Citing a report of the United Nations organisation, he said that 50 million tonne of e-waste is being thrown every year. \ He said that 50 million tonne of e-waste could not even be equal to the cumulative weight of all the commercial planes built in history of mankind.

"Each second, 800 laptops are being scrapped. You will be amazed to know that about 17 types of precious metals can be extracted from this e-waste through different processes. This includes gold, silver, copper and nickel. So, utilising e-waste is no less than making 'Kachre Ko Kanchan'", PM Narendra Modi said.

Use of technologies and start-ups have made India a "global recycling hub", Modi said, adding there is no dearth of start-ups that are doing innovative work in this direction.

"Those working in the field of e-waste say that at present, only 15-17 per cent of e-waste is being recycled every year," the prime minister said.

On growing use of millets in foods, the PM spoke about the Millet's Café opened at Raigarh in Chhattisgarh and noted how the number of 'Milletpreneurs' are increasing.

"Wherever the event associated with G-20 summit is being organised, nutritious and tasty dishes made from millets are included in the menu and Indian missions around the world are also making a lot of efforts to increase the millets popularity", the PM said.

Touching upon the Padma awards, Modi said, "India now feels proud to see tribal personalities among Padma awardees with a good representation of the tribal community."

Throwing light on India's progress in science technology and innovation, he said that India has obtained 7th rank in patent filing and 5th in trademark registering, an increase of 50 per cent in five years.

"In the Global Innovation Index too, India's ranking has improved tremendously and now it has reached 40th position, while in 2015, India was behind even the 80th position in the Global Innovation Index", he said. PM Narendra Modi concluded 'Mann Ki Baat' saying efforts to strengthen the Republic should go on relentlessly by public participation, by everyone's effort.

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Narendra Modi, PM

BLACKBUCK
12 blackbuck dead, 2 injured after jumping off bridge in Solapur. The incident happened at a bridge in Kegaon on the Solapur-Bijapur highway, around 44 kilometres from here at 6:30pm.

01 KILLED IN CAR ACCIDENT IN SHAJAPUR, MP, 3 HURT

Ahmedabad	27	13	Mumbai	30	20
Bhopal	27	13	Panaji	29	22
Jaipur	23	11	Patna	26	15
Amritsar	18	07	Lucknow	24	13
Chennai	30	25	Port Blair	30	26
Kolkata	30	17	Imphal	29	07
Srinagar	4	2	Chandigarh	21	10

Chouhan offers fresh sops to women

Ladli Bahna Yojana aimed at rural women voters in MP where polls are due by year-end

ANURAAG SINGH @ Bhopal

IN the election year, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has announced the Ladli Bahna Yojana for financially weak women. The scheme for married and unmarried -- not for students as they are already covered by Ladli Laxmi 1 and 2.0 schemes – will guarantee ₹1,000 monthly to all such women. "The financially weak women will, however, continue to get benefits of the other schemes too," the CM announced at the Narmada Jayanti event in Narmadapuram district on Saturday.

The BJP's longest-serving CM has announced multiple schemes to push back against perceived anti-incumbency rising against his government in the election year. He started off the year by announcing investor-friendly initiatives at the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas and the Global Investors Summit.

Then came the party's time-tested saffron agenda, which was addressed recently by a slew of announcements, including teaching Hindu religious scriptures in government schools and building temple corridors in Hindu pilgrimages, such as at Orchha and Chitrakoot, besides connecting Orchha with Ayodhya on the lines of Ayodhya-Janakpur road link.

Knowing well that women's power perhaps remains the mainstay of the party in the state, the CM has now played the pro-women card by announcing the Ladli Bahna Yojana.

The state government will have to spend Rs 60,000 crore on the scheme over five years. "After my bhanjis (nieces) who have been empowered through the Ladli Laxmi Yojanas, now I've to empower my sisters financially. Money will never be any constraint for my nieces, sisters and poorer sections. This scheme will raise the importance of daughters, mothers, daughters-in-law and mothers-in-law in the family. All farmer families who are already getting Rs 10,000 annually (₹6000 under PM Kisan Nidhi and ₹4000 under CM Kisan Nidhi) will now get another ₹12,000 annually through each of their women members," the CM said addressing another event in Anuppur district on Sunday.

Currently, out of around 5.40 crore voters in the state, over 48% or around 2.61 crore are women voters. During the ongoing revision/update of the voter list, 18.82 lakh voters have been added. In 41 out of the 52 districts, the women have outsmarted men in getting their names added to the revised Electors Photo Identification Card (EPIC) list. It has had a cascading effect on gender ratio of state's voters, which has improved from 926 to 931 women voters per 1,000 men voters.

ADVANTAGE WOMEN

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'BULLDOZER MAMA' AGAIN
While addressing an event on sanction letters under CM Jan Sewa Abhiyan in Anuppur district on Sunday, the CM made it clear that those found siphoning food grain and other essentials under the PDS will be jailed and their illegal properties will be bulldozed. Earlier, the CM has allowed bulldozers for places belonging to land sharks

₹60,000cr. Needed in the next **five years** for Ladli Bahna Yojana

BJP stumps Tipra Motha, revives alliance with IPFT

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @ Guwahati

The BJP has managed to revive its alliance with the Indigenous People's Front of Tripura (IPFT), thereby staving off an attempt of the party's merger with TIPRA Motha. To avoid the division of tribal votes and corner the BJP, the royal scion **Pradyot Manikya Debbarma** desperately wanted the IPFT to merge with his TIPRA Motha. Recently, he held a closed-door meeting with the IPFT leadership, reportedly in Guwahati.

Later in a video message, he said the two parties agreed to start a process to become a "singular" party and fight the election with a "singular flag and symbol" against anyone opposed to the "constitutional demand" for "Greater Tipraland" state.

The BJP, which is facing a tough contest, forged a pre-poll alliance with the IPFT. The BJP will contest 55 seats and the IPFT 5. Even in 2018, they had fought the election together and formed a coalition government, but their ties strained later which saw three of the 8 IPFT MLAs going to the TIPRA Motha.

The BJP and the IPFT announced their pre-poll alignment at a joint media briefing Saturday night. In a last-ditch attempt, Debbarma tried to stall the alliance. He called almost all IPFT leaders but none of them responded. "...Looks like Operation lotus is on!" he later tweeted. Tripura has 60 seats – 20 of them reserved for the STs in tribal areas where the tribe-based parties TIPRA Motha and IPFT hold sway. But the TIPRA Motha is attempting to make it a pan-Tripura party.

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Woman commission chairman to join BJP

State woman commission chairman Rupali Chakankar, who was also the president of NCP state wing, is likely to switch side and join the BJP. As per a source, Chakankar had two meetings with a BJP leader earlier and the final meeting will soon take place with top leadership of the BJP. NCP leaders are curious that if Chakankar leaves, she will be the second (after Chitra Wagh) NCP state woman wing president to say good bye to NCP and join BJP. After completing her tenure as state woman commission chairman, Chakankar has been demanding berth in state legislative council as to elevate her political career.

Fadnavis reveals 2019 plan to poach mins

Maharashtra deputy chief minister Devendra Fadnavis said that the party had various plans when Shiv Sena (Uddhav Thackeray) in 2019 refused to form government with the BJP and chose Congress and NCP to form Maha Vikas Aghadi at the time. They executed plan A by poaching Ajit Pawar, however the government had lasted for only 80 hours and collapsed on November 26, 2019. Then BJP executed plan B and poached Shinde and made vertical split in Shiv Sena. He also said they have plan C for the future. The political circle in Maharashtra is abuzz that BJP's third plan may poach Congress leader Ashok Chavan with 10 to 12 MLC ahead of state and Lok Sabha polls in 2024.

Shinde's sleep schedule creates a buzz

Maharashtra CM Eknath Shinde's sleep schedule has become the talk of the town. Earlier, his minister Deepak Kesarkar said that Shinde did not sleep in Davos to clinch the investment deal in Maharashtra. Shinde himself revealed that he hardly sleeps. He says he works till 6.00 am in morning. He even claimed that during his revolt against Uddhav Thackeray in Surat and Guwahati, he did not get a wink of sleep. NCP Ajit Pawar pointed out that if the CM works till 6.00 am then what time he goes to sleep and that what lesson people should take from their leaders.

MP TRAGEDY

Bizman shoots self, wife to death over excess lending

ANURAAG SINGH @ Bhopal

A prominent textile businessman shot himself to death with his licensed gun after allegedly killing wife in similar fashion in Panna district of Madhya Pradesh. Though the Panna district police superintendent has suspected some domestic issues to have caused the shocking inside the two-storeyed house of the businessman, the suicide note written by the businessman, also mentions about large sums having been loaned by him to individuals remaining unpaid to him.

The incident happened on the second floor of the house in Panna town's Kishoreganj area on Saturday evening, while other members of the joint family were present on the lower floor. Hearing gunshot sounds, they rushed to the upper story and saw businessman Sanjay Seth (48) and wife Meenu (45) lying on the ground, with profusely bleeding wounds. A 12 bore licensed gun owned by Seth too was found lying close to the duo.

Just a short while before the extreme steps, the middle-aged businessman had released a 2.30 minutes long video, about large sums of money loaned by him remaining unpaid to him from various individuals.

J'khand Guv returns domicile bill based on 1932 land records

MUKESH RANJAN @ Ranchi

IN a major blow to Hemant Soren Government, Governor Ramesh Bais has returned 1932-Khatian based Local Policy Bill-2022 passed by Jharkhand Assembly asking the government to review its legality so that it is in accordance with the Constitution and in orders passed by the Supreme Court.

The bill passed by the Jharkhand Assembly was sent to the Governor for his approval, according to which, a person having domicile of Jharkhand shall mean a person who is an Indian citizen and resides within the territorial and geographical limits of Jharkhand and his or her ancestor's name is recorded in the khatian (land records) of 1932 or earlier.

It also mentioned that only local persons, who have been empowered under this Act, will be eligible for appointment against class-3 and 4 of the state. Notably, an all party delegation led by Chief Minister Hemant Soren had met Governor Ramesh Bais on December 20 to press for his early consent on the twin bills — notifying 1932 as the cut-off-year for state domicile and 27 percent reservation to OBCs — so that the State Government could persuade the Centre to include the twin bills in the Ninth Schedule of the Constitution.

The release further stated that clear guidelines have been issued by the Constitutional Bench of the Supreme Court on the subject of giving 100 percent reservation in employment to the local people in scheduled areas.

The release added that it may be noted that it was also clarified by the Law Department that the provisions of the Bill in question are contrary to the Constitution and the orders of the Supreme Court and it has been said that such provision is contrary to certain judgments passed by the Supreme Court and the Jharkhand High Court. At the same time, such a provision clearly appears to be inconsistent and having adverse effect on the fundamental rights provided in Article 14, 15, 16 (2) of Part III of the Indian Constitution.

Guj: Another paper leaked, clerk recruitment exam cancelled

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA @ Ahmedabad

THE Gujarat government on Sunday called off the clerk recruitment examination just hours prior to its commencement after the question paper was leaked. The exam was scheduled to take place at 2,995 centres in the state.

Protests erupted across Gujarat and candidates, who reached the examination centers from far-off places, expressed anger over the development. Police teams were deployed at the exam centres and bus stands to avoid untoward incidents. The Gujarat Panchayat Service Selection Board (GPSSB) has decided to "postpone" the exam in the broader interest of the candidates, it said in a statement.

State Panchayat Department's development commissioner Sandeep Kumar told reporters that the examination will be held in the next 100 days. On a tip-off, police detained a suspect and recovered a copy of the question paper of the exam early Sunday morning. A Gujarat ATS officer said 15 people were rounded up in connection with the leak from Vadodara as the agency had kept a close watch on the suspects in the last few days.

Gujarat ATS Superintendent of Police Sunil Joshi said, "The Government had instructed police and agencies to keep a close vigil on persons who were involved in illegal activities like providing the competitive exam papers in lieu of money."

"The ATS team was working on the movement of some suspects and Saturday night a candidate was caught with the paper. Following the lead, 15 persons were rounded up, they are part of a highly organised gang that operates in different states," he added

Sources said five police teams have been dispatched to Telangana, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, and Delhi to arrest more suspects involved in the racket.

Gujarat Congress spokesperson Manish Doshi claimed 15 such competitive examinations were postponed in the last 12 years due to question papers leaks. The junior clerk exam, for which the first advertisement was issued in 2016, has cancelled for the third time, he further alleged. The Panchayat Department's development commissioner Sandeep Kumar said the postponed competitive examination will now be held in the next 100 days.

A RECURRING TALE

Year-by-year details of paper leaks in Gujarat

- **2014:** GPSC chief officer's paper
- **2015:** Talati paper
- **2016:** Talati exam paper conducted by District Panchayat burst in Gandhinagar Modasa, and Surendranagar districts.
- **2018:** TAT -Teacher paper
- **2018:** Main-Sevika paper
- **2018:** Deputy Chitnis Paper
- **2018:** LRD-Lokarashak Dal
- **2019:** Non-Secretariat clerk
- **2021:** Head clerk
- **2021:** DGVCL Vidyut Asstt
- **2021:** Sub-auditor
- **2022:** Forest guard
- **2023:** Junior clerk

Gujarat's Anti-Terrorism Squad (ATS) has detained 15 people in connection with the question paper leak. An astonishing 9.53 lakh candidate had applied for 1,181 vacant posts

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Sunil Joshi, Gujarat ATS Superintendent of Police

Joshimath residents battle insomnia, high BP

NARENDRA SETHI @ Dehradun

FACED with the prospect of evacuation from houses they have been living in for decades, a large number of Joshimath residents are now battling health issues such as hypertension and insomnia.

According to the health department data, the number of BP patients is increasing daily. Before the disaster struck Joshimath, the number of BP patients in the city was around 80 which has increased to more than 385.

Data from the health department shows that there has been a sharp increase in the number of BP patients after the disaster. So far, more than 2,000 persons have been screened in community health centres and health camps, out of which 15 per cent, i.e., more than 300 were BP patients.

Speaking to The New Indian Express, psychiatrist Jyotsna Naithwal, Medical Officer, Joshimath CHC, said, "The sudden disaster has shaken the mind of the residents and they are unable to forget the shock of being evacuated from their cracked homes, due to which they are facing conditions like insomnia, hypertension and blood pressure".

Jyotsna further said that concerns of the affected people living in relief camps or relatives' homes have increased.

"Due to concerns like house and shop demolition, employment, children's education, fodder for cattle, they are facing problems like lack of proper sleep, loss of appetite, irritability. It is natural for stress to increase, which is making them BP patients".

Rahul Gondwal, MD (Psychiatry), who camped at Joshimath from Dehradun, has also examined dozens of patients who have suffered mental trauma from this natural calamity in five special camps since January 4.

Rahul, who has been serving in different parts of Joshimath, told TNIE, "It is a type of adjustment disorder that comes due to neurochemical changes in the brain".

Elaborating on the mental state of the victim, he said, "In a disaster situation, when a person feels that his decade-old house is no longer there, memories attached to that house come, then with it comes a 'stressful situation' that turns into insomnia".

Along with this, uncontrollable and negative thoughts also burst. "We insisted on counselling as well as medication in such a situation," he added.

RISING HEALTH ISSUES

500% increase in BP and insomnia patients after disaster in Joshimath

Uncontrollable and negative thoughts capture minds that have never experienced such trauma in life

Neuro-chemical changes in the brain occur in the event of a disaster which leads to a stressful situation

2 ex-Cong MPs face Waqf land fraud charge

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Dehradun

THE Waqf Board in BJP-ruled Uttarakhand has launched a drive to remove illegalbencroachments from its properties. The board has initiated proceedings against two veteran former Congress MPs, including Akbar Ahmed Dumpy, through police and court in this regard.

On the orders of Waqf Board Chairman Shadab Shams, who recently announced the abolition of kurta payjama culture in Madrasas of the state after taking charge, board secretary Hasmat Ali has filed a case against seven people, including former Congress MP Akbar Ahmed Dumpy, on charges of land fraud and fake registry of Waqf Board properties.

It is alleged that former MP Akbar Ahmed Dumpy, owner of Alia Developers, took the land in his name by submitting fake documents.

Gorkhaland demand resurfaces in Bengal

PRONAB MONDAL @ Kolkata

AFTER a gap of almost five years, the demand for separate statehood Gorkhaland is soaring up the mercury of politics in the hills amid fears about its impact on the local tourism-led economy limping back to normal after Covid-induced restrictions.

Some hill parties brought the statehood issue back to the core of the political discourse in the hills over the last couple of weeks. Its main architect is Gorkha Janmukti Morcha (GJM) chief Bimal Gurung, with other allies like newly formed Hamro Party and former GJM leader Binay Tamang, who joined the Trinamool Congress in 2021 and quitted a year after.

Bengal witnessed a three-month long fierce protest over the issue of Gorkhaland in the hills. A police officer was gunned down during the violence and the state government cracked down on the agitators.

"Gurung's plan for a prolonged movement in the coming days became clear on last Friday when the GJM wrote to the President, Prime Minister, Union Home minister and chief minister of West Bengal announcing its decision to withdraw from the Gorkhaland Territorial Administration (GTA) memorandum of agreement to formally oppose the hill body they had agreed to in 2011," said a leader of the GJM.

Businessmen in Darjeeling and other popular tourists points are fearing another spell of disaster in local economy over the issue. The GJM and its allies, however, have not opposed the upcoming rural polls in the state. "If the response shows public support, the GJM will chalk out its next course of action," said GJM leader.

Amid crisis, Pak hikes petrol price by ₹35

The cost of petrol is set at PKR 249.80 per litre, high-speed diesel at PKR 262.80 & kerosene oil at PKR 189.83

ISLAMABAD

CASH-strapped Pakistan's government on Sunday raised prices of petrol and diesel by PKR 35 each, giving another jolt to the country's inflation-stricken people.

Finance Minister Ishaq Dar made the announcement in a televised address on Sunday, spoiling people's weekly holiday as prices in the past had been adjusted on a fortnightly basis from the first to sixteenth of every month.

"We have decided to increase the price of petrol and diesel by Rs 35 each. The price of kerosene oil and light diesel oil has been increased by Rs 18 each," Dar said, adding that the new prices would come into effect in the country at 11.00 am on Sunday.

After the rise, the price of petrol was set at PKR 249.80 per litre, high-speed diesel at PKR 262.80, kerosene oil at PKR 189.83, and light diesel oil at PKR 187 per litre.

Dar said that speculation was rife on social media regarding a Rs 50 increase in the prices of petrol and diesel. "Because of this, we have received reports of artificial shortages in the market. The Pakistani rupee saw devaluation last week and now we are seeing an 11% increase in the prices of petroleum products in the international market," he said.

Dar said the government had not increased the price of petrol since October last year until January 29 and also decreased the prices of diesel and kerosene oil.

Ahead of the hike in the prices, long queues of motorists were seen at the filling stations. The rush was fuelled by reports of shortage and massive increase in the prices.

Fahad Raud, head of equities at Ismail Iqbal Securities, commenting on the price hike said it was 'in line with expectations' as he warned of more increase.

"This is only a partial increase as it does not incorporate recent exchange rate depreciation. More increase to come in mid-February," he tweeted.

Former PM Imran Khan criticised the price hike, saying that the 'total mismanagement' of the economy by the 'imported government' has 'crushed the masses and salaried class.' "Electricity and gas price hike and 35% unprecedented inflation expected with Rs 200 billion mini-budget," tweeted Khan.

Former finance minister Asad Umar said that public was already fed up with inflation as he termed the government's move as 'punishment' for the people. *PTI*

59 killed in Pakistan transport tragedies involving bus and boat

Residents look at the wreckage of a burnt passenger bus in Lasbela district of Pakistan's Balochistan province on Sunday | AFP

BELA

AT least 59 people, including over a dozen students, were killed on Sunday in two separate accidents in Pakistan.

In the first accident, a bus carrying 48 people from Balochistan's provincial capital Quetta to Karachi, crashed into the pillar and subsequently careened into ravine before catching fire in the Lasbela area, Assistant Commissioner Lasbela Hamza Anjum said.

"The speeding bus crashed into the pillar of a bridge while taking a U-turn near Lasbela and fell into a ravine and then caught fire," he told the media.

Anjum said till now 42 bodies have been recovered from the accident site. The dead included women and children.

Only three people, including a child and a woman, could be rescued alive, the official said, adding that the death toll could rise as the injured were in critical condition.

He said the bodies were charred beyond recognition and DNA testing will be done for the identification of the deceased.

Police and rescue officials were busy pulling out bodies and shifting them to the nearby hospitals, according to the officials.

Interior Minister Rana Sanaullah expressed grief over the tragedy and extended condolences to the bereaved families.

In another incident, at least 17 students of a religious seminary were killed when their boat capsized in a lake in northwest Pakistan, according to the officials.

The students, aged between seven and 14 years, of Madrassa Mirbash Khel were on an excursion trip when their boat capsized in the Tanda Dam lake in Kohat district of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, officials said.

The rescue workers have recovered 17 bodies, they said.

Deputy Commissioner Kohat Furqan Ashraf said the boat was carrying 30 people and most of them were children.

The Pakistan Army's rescue teams have also reached the site of the incident where rescue operations are being carried out. *PTI*

US to accept H1B visa applications from March 1

The highly anticipated H1B visa filing season for fiscal 2023-24 will officially begin on March 1 when the US immigration agency will start accepting applications for skilled foreign workers visas

WAY TO PERMANENT RESIDENCY

The US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) said for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2023, it will accept applications between March 1 and March 17 petitions for H-1B visas that allow them to work and live in the US for up to six years in specialised fields such as technology, engineering, and medicine

After six years, it opens up pathways to the permanent residency or the Green Card

If we receive enough registrations by March 17, we will randomly select registrations and send selection notifications via users' myUSCIS online accounts. If we do not receive enough registrations, all registrations that were properly submitted in the initial registration period will be selected

US Citizenship and Immigration Services

FIERCE COMPETITION

The H1B visa allocations are capped at 85,000 visas per year, with 20,000 of those set aside for workers holding advanced degrees from US institutions

The remaining 65,000 visas are awarded through a lottery system, making the competition for H1B visas fierce

The high demand for H1B visas has led to calls for reforms to the programme, with many advocating for an increase in the number of visas available and a simplification of the application process

Proponents argue that the H-1B programme is crucial for maintaining the US' position as a global leader in technology and innovation, while also supporting the country's economy

The H1B visa is a non-immigrant visa that allows US firms to employ foreign workers in speciality occupations

Technology companies depend on it to hire tens of thousands of employees each year from countries like India and China

US POLICE UNIT SHUT AFTER HUGE PROTESTS OVER BLACK MAN'S DEATH

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

TWO days after a video of five police officers fatally beating a Black motorist at a traffic stop in the US city of Memphis sparked huge protests, the city's police department on Sunday disbanded the special unit to which the officers were attached.

"It was in the best interest of all to permanently deactivate the SCORPION Unit," the Memphis Police Department said in a statement on Sunday.

Victim's relatives welcome action

Relatives of Tyre Nichols welcomed the decision to disband the police unit, calling it an "appropriate and proportional" response

According to US media reports, the unit had 30 officers whose job was to target violent offenders in areas with high crime rate.

The footage from police body cameras showed the officers repeatedly kicking and punching 29-year-old Tyre Nichols, who could be heard crying and calling out for his mother.

The incident happened on January 7. Nichols died in a hospital three days later. An autopsy report said he died of "extensive bleeding caused by severe beating".

Sunak sacks Tory party chief over tax penalty row

LONDON

UK PM Rishi Sunak fired the chairman of the governing Conservative Party on Sunday for a "serious breach" of ethics rules in failing to come clean about a tax dispute.

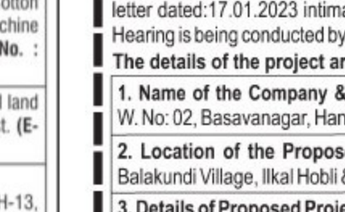
Sunak had faced days of pressure to sack **Nadhim Zahawi** amid allegations he settled a multimillion-dollar unpaid tax bill while he was in charge of the country's Treasury.

The prime minister acted after a standards probe found Zahawi had breached the ministerial code of conduct. It said he had failed to disclose details of his dispute with tax authorities and the fact that he had paid a penalty.

In a letter to Zahawi, Sunak said he had been forced to act to keep his promise that his government "would have integrity, professionalism and accountability at every level."

Zahawi had acknowledged the tax dispute but argued his error was "careless and not deliberate."

In his response to Sunak, Zahawi pledged to support the PM



as a backbench lawmaker and made no reference to the ethics inquiry. Last week, Sunak asked the government's standards adviser, Laurie Magnus, to investigate Zahawi's tax affairs and said he would wait for the results before acting.

In his report released on Sunday, Magnus notes, "Given the nature of the investigation by HMRC (the UK's tax office)...I consider that by failing to declare HMRC's ongoing investigation before July 2022, despite the ministerial declaration of interests form including specific prompts on tax affairs and HMRC investigations and disputes, Mr Zahawi failed to meet the requirement to declare any interests which might be thought to give rise to a conflict." *Agencies*

B'desh PM likely to attend G20 summit

DHAKA

BANGLADESH PM Sheikh Hasina is expected to visit India in September to join the G-20 summit on an invitation sent by her Indian counterpart Narendra Modi, a foreign ministry official said on Sunday.

The next G20 Leaders' Summit at the level of heads of state or governments is scheduled to be held on September 9 and 10 this year in New Delhi. An official in the foreign ministry, who is familiar with the development, said despite being a non-member of the G-20, Sheikh Hasina would join the summit as a guest.

"Our Prime Minister is likely to meet her counterpart on the G-20 summit sidelines, apparently in the last meeting ahead of the general elections in both countries," said the foreign ministry official. He said under a tradition, G-20 chair invites guest countries and international organisations like the UN, IMF, World Bank, WHO, and WTO beyond the member states to the grouping's summit.

The host country invited Bangladesh as the only country in South Asia to the summit. Other non-memmber countries to get the invitation are Egypt, Mauritius, the Netherlands, Nigeria, Oman, Singapore, Spain and the UAE. *PTI*

Government of Andhra Pradesh
Swachha Bharat Mission (Urban)
MA&UD Department
Swachha Andhra Corporation

e-Procurement Tender Notice

Sl.No.	NIT No.	Name of Work
1	NIT.No.28, 29 & 30/SAC/SBM(U)/CE/SWM/FSTPs/2022-23	Design, Construction, Testing and Commissioning including 10 years of Operation & Maintenance of Faecal Sludge Treatment Plant Facilities for Package 1, 2 and 3 in the ULBs of Andhra Pradesh on DBOT Basis.

The above bid can be downloaded on "ap-eprocurement" portal from 30-01-2023, 5.00 PM to 17-02-2023, 3.00 PM and due date submission of Bid is on 17-02-2023 upto 5.00 PM. Please refer to **www.apeprocurement.gov.in** for details.

Sd/- Managing Director, SAC, Vijayawada

DIPR No.1522PP/CL/ADVT/1/1/2021-22, Dt.27/01/2023

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN : U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No: 908/BGK/SEE/AEE(C)/Tr.(W&M)C/22-23/6719-33 Date: 27.01.2023

TENDER NOTIFICATION

KPTCL invites bid for Repairs and Maintenance of Civil Engineering works coming under the jurisdiction of Superintending Engineer (Elecl), Transmission (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Bagalkot. The detailed notification regarding the called through brief tender will be displayed on the office Notice Board from the office of the undersigned on or after 10.00 am on 27.01.2023. Other details can be obtained from this office during the office hours.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Elec), Transmission (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Zonal Offices Complex, Opp. Sector No.45, Navanagar, Bagalkote-587103. Phone : 08354-236032/236029.

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(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No:EEE/BMWSD/AEE(O)/4295-97/2022-23 Date: 19.01.2023

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (e-Procurement mode only)

Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited invites Tenders for the following work.

1) Tender Enquiry No:SEE/Tr(W)C/DCA/SA/4561/2022-23, dated: 02.12.2022. Details of Tender: KPTCL Invites tenders from the Security Agencies approved by appropriate authority for Providing 9 Nos. Watch and Ward Services for a period of ONE YEAR at Major Works Stores, Peenya, P.B.Road, Bengaluru. Those who are interested may get more information by logging on Karnataka Government e-procurement website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **07.02.2023 at 5.00 p.m.** for more details can be had from the office of the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer (Electy,) Major Works South Division, KPTCL, Anandrao Circle, Bengaluru - 560 009.

KARNATAKA STATE FINANCIAL CORPORATION
(Established under the State Financial Corporations Act, 1951)
Branch Office : No.37, I Floor, Opp: DC Office, Hospet Road, KOPPAL– 583 231.
Phone : (08539) 225004, 225005, 9880034031, 9972789010

SALE OF ASSETS THROUGH e-AUCTION

The following assets taken over under section 29 of the State Financial Corporations Act, 1951 are available for sale on **"as is where is and whatever there is"** basis and will be sold through e-auction. Persons interested to purchase the assets may participate in the e-auction through web site **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in/.**

1. Vaishnavi Granites: (Prop: Sri Lingayya S. Julagudda) Industrial land measuring 2000 Sq.mtrs. factory building thereon and granite tiles cutting and polishing machinery at Plot No.21, KIADB Industrial Area, Kushtagi, Koppal Dist. **(E-Auction Notice No. : KSFC/2022-23/ AUCTION2794)**
Reserve price : Rs.36,80,000/-. EMD: Rs.3,68,000/-.

2. Tayamma Metals: (Prop: Sri Sharanappa S/o Gudadappa) 2 Acres of industrial land and old stone crusher in Sy. No.44, Udamkal, Venkatagiri, Tq:Gangavathi. **(E-Auction Notice No. : KSFC/2022-23/ AUCTION2795)**
Reserve Price: Rs.19,35,000/-. EMD: Rs.1,94,000/-.

3. Kalyanabasaveshwara Seeds Corporation: (Prop: Sri Basanagouda S. Police Patil) Seeds processing factory having Industrial Land measuring 1 acre 38 guntas, building thereon and plant and machinery such as Agro Saw seed cleaner, 5TPH Elevator, OSAW Agro Grader, 3TPH Elevator, Silo Dust Collector, Cleaner cum Stone separator, Cotton Ginning machines Type 3 No.2 with Motor, 20 KVA DG set, Small Pouch Packing Machine sealer & Stitching Machine At Sy.No.9/1, GP Assessment No.247, Yelamgeri, Irakalagada, Koppal Tq. & Dist. **(E-Auction Notice No. : KSFC/2022-23/ AUCTION2796) | Reserve Price : Rs.49,96,000/-. EMD: Rs.5,00,000/ -.**

4. Shree Hari Industries:(Prop: Venkatesh Hosamani) Electric poles manufacturing factory having industrial land measuring 1 acre 10 guntas, building and plant and machinery in Sy. No.31/3, Halavarthi, Koppal Tq. & Dist. **(E-Auction Notice No.: KSFC/2022-23/ AUCTION2797) | Reserve Price: Rs.61,62,000/-. EMD: Rs.6,16,200/-.**

5. Brahmini Granites Industries: (Partners : Sri Mariyappa Melinamani & Sri Vinaykumar Melinamani)
A) Industrial land measuring 1 acre 20 guntas along with factory building thereon at Sy.No.38/3, Adjacent NH-13, Uppar Basapur, Dotihal Panchayath, Kushtagi Tq, Koppal Dist. **(E-Auction Notice No. : KSFC/2022-23/ AUCTION2798) | Reserve Price: Rs.74,84,000/-. EMD: Rs.7,48.400/-.**
B) Granite Cutting & Polishing Machinery including Gantry Crane, EOT Crane, etc. at Sy.No.38/3, Adjacent NH-13, Uppar Basapur, Dotihal Panchayath, Kushtagi Tq, Koppal Dist. **(E-Auction Notice No. : KSFC/2022-23/ AUCTION2799) | Reserve Price: Rs.22,22,000/-. EMD: Rs.2,22,200/-.**

6. Manjushree Talkies: (Prop: Manjunath Angadi) Commercial land measuring 22 guntas and Kalyana Mantap building thereon in Sy. No.197/2 (197/A), Gabbur Road, Ginigera, Koppal Tq. & Dist. **(E-Auction Notice No. : KSFC/2022-23/ AUCTION2800) | Reserve Price: Rs.95,69,000/-. EMD: Rs.9,57,000/-.**

7. NYS Granite Impex Pvt Ltd.: (Directors : Sri Yamanur Saka, Sri Srikanth N Ayili, Sri Nagaraj V Muddebihal, Smt Mamatha Y Saka, Smt. Bharathi N Muddebihal & Sri Mohan N Ayili). Industrial Land at Sy. No.35/2/5 & 35/2/9, Bandragal village, Kushtagi Tq., Koppal Dist, measuring 1 acre 38 guntas and factory building thereon measuring 2963.51 sq.m and an RCC block measuring 145.82 sq.m., slurry tanks, borewell etc. **(E-Auction Notice No. : KSFC/2022-23/ AUCTION2801) | Reserve Price: Rs.1,62,51,000/-. EMD: Rs.16,25,100/-.**

Terms and conditions of Sale: (1) Bid opening date and time: **16/02/2023** at **11.00 AM**. (2) Last date and time for payment of EMD & expression of interest to participate in e-auction is **23/02/2023** at **2.00 PM.** (3) Bid closing date and time: **23/02/2023** at **4.00 PM**. Interested bidders may contact the undersigned for more details. (4) Inspection Date & Time for all the above units : **01/02/2023 to 10/02/2023** from **10.00 AM to 4.00 PM** (on all working days with prior appointment). (5) Successful bidder should pay applicable GST on the bid value of plant and machinery (6) In respect of auction at Sl.No.5 the Corporation reserves the right to give preference to award the bid to persons who bid for both land and building and plant and machinery. (7) The successful bidder of land and building should bear statutory dues such as electricity and water bill arrears, municipal taxes, commercial taxes, employee dues, etc., if any on the assets/unit. The interested bidders should make their own enquiries to ascertain such dues before placing their bids. (8) Interested bidder may contact undersigned for more information. (9) The other terms and conditions of sale through e-Auction are detailed in the website viz., **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in/.** This is also the statutory 15 days notice required to be given to the borrowers, mortgagers of the above properties and the personal guarantors. Persons interested to purchase the above assets are requested to participate in the above e-auction. Borrowers, personal guarantors and collateral security owners may also use this opportunity to persuade any bidder to participate in the e-auction from their side or close the concerned loan account with up-to-date interest before the bid start date so as to cancel the e-auction.

Place : Koppal **Sd/-**
Date: 27-01-2023 **Assistant General Manager**

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NO.PCB/213/SEO/MINES/EPH/2022-23/7215 DATE: 25.01.2023

ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING NOTIFICATION

M/s. Shri. Maruti Exports, have proposed to undertake Quarrying of Pink Granite of capacity 21,360 TPA on a total land area of 10.00 Acres at Sy. No. 257/1 & 257/2 of Balakundi Village, Ilkal Hobli & Taluk, Bagalkot District, Karnataka. As Per Environment Impact Assessment Notification dated:14.09.2006 and Amendment dated: 01.12.2009, the project is required to go through Environmental Public Hearing process to obtain prior EC from State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority. As per the Terms of Reference letter (ToR) SEIAA 443 MIN 2022 dated: 17.12.20022 by SEIAA, Karnataka, request letter of the project proponent dated:05.01.2023, and Regional Officer, Bagalkot letter dated:17.01.2023 intimating the date, the Environmental Public Hearing is being conducted by KSPCB.

The details of the project are as follows:

1. Name of the Company & Address: M/s. Shri. Maruti Exports, W. No: 02, Basavanagar, Hanamsagar Road, Ilkal- 587125.

2. Location of the Proposed Project: Sy. No. 257/1 & 257/2 of Balakundi Village, Ilkal Hobli & Taluk, Bagalkot District, Karnataka.

3. Details of Proposed Project : Proposed to undertake Quarrying of Pink Granite of capacity 21,360 TPA.

4. Date, time and venue of Environmental public hearing: Date: 02.03.2023 (Thursday) Time: 11.00 AM. Place: Project site of Sy. No. 257/1 & 257/2 of Balakundi Village, Ilkal Hobli & Taluk, Bagalkot District.

5. Places of availability of project documents as per EIA Notification, which is kept open to public are: (a) Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Bagalkot District, Bagalkot. (b) Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Panchayat, Bagalkot District, Bagalkot. (c) District Industries Centre, Bagalkot District, Bagalkot. (d) Tahsildar Office, Ilakal. (e) Gram Panchayath Office, Balakundi, Ilkal Taluk. (f) Office of the Regional Office, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Bagalkot. (g) SEIAA Karnataka (Ecology and Environment), Department of Forest, Ecology and Environment, Government of Karnataka, Room No. 709, 7th Floor, 4th Gate, MS Building, Bengaluru – 560 001. (h) **HELP DESK,** Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Ground Floor, No.49, Parisara Bhavan, Church Street, Bengaluru – 560 001.

NOTE: Suggestions, views, comments and objections of interested bonafide residents, environmental groups and others located at project site and likely to be affected by the proposed project are invited within 30 days from the date of publication of this Notification to make oral/written/E-Mail suggestions to the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board/ Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing Committee (Deputy Commissioner, Bagalkot District, Bagalkot). Interested public can participate in the Public Hearing at the above place. . **For details please visit our Website: kspcb.karnataka.gov.in.**

Sd/-
Member Secretary

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TAXPAYERS, INVESTORS PIN HIGH HOPES ON BUDGET

With rising inflationary concerns, investors are expecting revision in tax slabs, and also want FM to increase 80C limit to ₹2.5 lakh

SACHIN KUMAR @Mumbai

TAXPAYERS and investors will be closely listening to every word by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on budget day, February 1, as even a minor tweak in taxation will have a big impact on their wallets.

They have high hopes from the finance minister and expect to hear favourable announcements. From revising income tax slabs to increasing the limit for various deductions, taxpayers have a long wishlist for the finance minister.

Investors say that many provisions in the personal finance segment need a relook because of persistently high inflation which has dented their purchasing power. Revising the income tax rate, which has not changed in the past few years, is at the top of the wishlist of taxpayers. The tax rate for individuals has not been changed since 2017-18.

Given the high inflation, experts say that reducing the tax rate will be a good idea as it will boost the purchasing power of taxpayers. "To give more purchasing power to individuals and some relief to the employed taxpayers, the highest tax rate of 30% should be reduced to 25% and the threshold limit for the highest tax rate be increased from ₹10 lakh to ₹20 lakh. Therefore, the proposed highest slab rate (including surcharge and cess) can be reduced to 35.62%," Tapati Ghose, Partner, Deloitte India told TNIE. The tax rates in India are high compared to some neighbouring countries as the highest tax rate in Hong Kong is 17%, while in Singapore it is 22 % and it is 30% in Malaysia.

Raising deduction limit under 80C

Taxpayers and investors are expecting the FM to raise the deduction limit under Section 80C from ₹1.5 lakh per year to ₹2.5 lakh per year. Deductions or exemptions permitted under section 80C help taxpayers to bring their taxable income down by up to ₹1.5 lakh in a financial year.

"There has been no change in the 80C deduction for many years. The present limit of ₹1.5 lakh was set in Finance Act 2014. Given the inflationary trends, the above limit should be increased to ₹2.5 lakh. The limit for Standard Deduction under section 16 should be increased from ₹50,000 to ₹75,000," Raj Khosla, Founder and MD of MyMoneyMantra.com, told this newspaper.

Experts believe that the current limit under 80C is low and should be increased. "With the increase in cost of living and inflation, the government should look at increasing the limit under Section 80 C. This will have two-fold benefits, individual taxpayers would be willing to save more and will benefit from a lower tax outgo, thereby increasing disposable income to meet the increase in the price of various commodities," Ghose added.

Experts say that more incentives should be provided for insurance and mutual fund products. "During the pandemic, we all experienced first-hand or otherwise how essential it is for every individual to have adequate insurance cover for themselves and their family. The government should enforce additional tax benefits on life insurance products, which can be in the form of additional tax deduction and/or reduction of GST on term, pension and health products," Tarun Rustagi, Chief Financial Officer, Canara HSBC Life Insurance, said.

Relief to homebuyers

The government should also consider giving additional push to the real estate sector. To boost the affordable housing segment, the finance minister can consider additional incentives for home buyers. "Presently, under Section 24b of the Income Tax Act, home buyers can claim a tax deduction of up to ₹2 lakh on the annual interest paid on housing loan. The expectations will be that in this year's budget the government will increase the limit to up to ₹5 lakh," said Mahesh Shukla CEO & Founder PayMe. The finance ministry can consider introducing some exemptions for personal loan borrowers like Section 80E of the Income Tax Act provides exemption limit on the interest on only education loans.

"Section 24b of the Income Tax Act allows home buyers to claim a tax deduction of up to ₹2 lakh on the annual interest paid on housing loan. The expectation will be that in this year's budget, the government will increase the limit to up to ₹5 lakh. The government is also expected to increase the deduction limit for home buyers under Section 80C of the Income Tax Act from ₹1.5 lakh to at least ₹3 lakh," said Rachit Chawla, CEO, Finway.

ON TAXPAYERS' WISHLIST
Reduce income tax rates
Raise deduction limit under Section 80C
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Hike deduction limit for home buyers
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BOOST AFFORDABLE HOUSING SEGMENT
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RUN-UP TO BUDGET

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FINANCIAL ADVICE

RAJAS KELKAR

(The author is editor-in-chief at www.moneyminute.in)

YOU must keep an eye on your money. While you may not be the best judge of the valuation of a particular asset class, you may want to know about opportunities that come your way. Financial markets move in cycles, always allowing you to buy more at low prices or sell at a higher price.

The sharp selloff in equity markets may give you an impression of negative sentiment about India and Indian assets. The sharp selloff in Adani group company shares and the aftermath triggered the recent fall. However, allegations and counter-allegations are just the reason markets needed to correct.

Indian equities were the best-performing asset class in 2022. However, the outperformance cannot last for long. Investors always look for relative performance, and despite posting a standout performance in 2022, Indian equities would lose ground in 2023. The Sensex and Nifty are down 3%. Those in Hong Kong, Korea and the US have jumped 11 to 12% since the start of 2023. For the past 12 months' stock performance, Indian indices still outperform those in China, Asia and the US. That means there is a good chance for other markets to rally more and for Indian shares to fall further.

That brings us to the issue of relative performance.

When institutional investors look at a diverse pool of markets, they try to balance the risk to their portfolios. Since financial markets move in cycles, the timing of these cycles may vary for different countries. For example, the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic has left a different impact on different countries. Some countries took the lead in bouncing back, while many others lagged. Investors put their investible funds into markets that are likely to grow faster than others. That allows them to buy low and sell high or vice versa.

As an individual, it is hard for you to assess the impact on markets every day. You may not indulge at all if you are not a finance professional. However, that does not mean you should keep off investing together. The relative performance of assets is a very fundamental way to judge a market situation. You could compare the Sensex or the Nifty to values in the past or read about market expectations on companies' profit growth.

You could use the past or the future to make that assessment. The relative performance of a listed company could be with the financial performance too. An IT services company could have grown its business and profits consistently for a few decades. However, a slowdown in US technology spending lately can bring down the profit margins in the future. Share prices of IT service companies remained flat or lost ground recently. That does not make these companies unworthy of investment. If their share prices fall consistently, you may return to the philosophy that financial markets move in cycles. Equity investing is all about the long-term. When you understand that markets move in a cycle, you will also understand that in the long term, the share prices of companies that are down today will go up eventually. Similarly, share prices of companies that have zoomed over the past few years would go down.

Most of you believe you know about other common asset classes like gold and real estate. Most wealth managers and asset managers would tell you to buy more gold. If we go by the theory of relative performance, you may be tempted to do so. The same holds about property in different markets. You may realise that the pandemic has created new opportunities to buy property at low prices. If you look at equity markets and multiple sectors, they rarely move in tandem. There are periods when technology or export-centric shares rise. Then, there are phases when commodity shares rally. Similarly, the domestic consumption of India is considered a defensive story in equity markets. Shares of consumer companies do well in good and bad times.

Understanding relative performance across asset classes as well as within those classes could go a long way in helping you manage your finances.

EXPRESS ILLUSTRATION

INVESTORS LOOK FOR RELATIVE PERFORMANCE

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INVESTMENT ADVISORS TOO FACE CHALLENGES

FINANCIAL ADVICE

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THE job as an investment advisor, and as a speaker in investment conferences or writing about investing is very difficult and challenging.

What is the challenge?

The challenge is to say the same things again and again without being found out! Seriously good advice is dull, boring, uninspiring, accurate, and creates wealth. However, the market keeps changing. There are new products. Some genuinely good, some completely useless. People still earn money only if they understand the products (Index funds and term insurance do not need much IQ, but need very high EQ), invest regularly, and show emotional maturity and patience.

Writing about the same things is tough too. So when a crypto currency is available, getting people to understand it before they invest is some challenge. It is always necessary to invest time and invest in understanding before you invest your money (that is easy!). When people say they want or need good advice, what they mean is that they need advice that sounds good. See the popular websites devoting lots of columns to crypto currencies! Makes it a great challenge for the advisor to keep his ducks from quacking! The advisor should give you exactly what is good for you. Most investors want the holy investment secret – low risk high quality shares that they want for the long term but with low standard deviation, no falls, and a steady rise so that their patience is not tested!

It is easy to explain mathematically how such a product cannot exist. Saving the investor from himself is not an easy task. He continues to be his biggest enemy. At the bottom of the pyramid there are people who can be forced to stay on in funds for long periods of time. However, it is the middle level investor who with his 'asset allocation mis-strategies', burns through his portfolio by 'style jumping' because he read something somewhere and understood it partially. The more frequently you receive updates about your portfolio, the more damage you are capable of doing to your portfolio.

A trader who sits on the terminal can "see" trends where none exists. It's tough not to get carried away when you are sitting in the midst of frenetic activity.

I have invested in direct equity and have benefited from years of 'doing nothing'. I also find that dealing through a human broker instead of an online trading platform helps you remain calm while executing trades. A sensible person at the end of a phone call is very useful.

I have seen 'Reversion to Mean' work, and I also learnt that companies with high energy, high intelligence, and high integrity create wealth for you in the long run. As Buffett says without integrity intelligence and energy are useless. I have seen the virtues of regular monitoring and infrequent interventions paying huge dividends. I have seen how difficult it is to ask a person to invest in a 'Blue-chip' fund which has given only 16% vs investing in a 'Midcap' fund which has given 29% in the same time period. Or changing weightage in a portfolio because the lesser standard deviation portfolio will still meet the objective! As long as it makes money for the client aka reader in the long run, that's the way to go!

Adani, Union budget & Fed meet to keep markets busy this week

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
@New Delhi

THE sharp sell-off seen across Adani Group Stocks last week after the Hindenburg Research report and its spillover impact on banking stocks will continue to keep investors on their toes. Adani Group's clarification on the allegations labelled by the US-based short seller Hindenburg is yet to bring much relief to its shareholders as they sold shares worth billions of dollars on Friday.

Add to it, market participants will keenly watch the ₹20,000 crore follow-on public offering (FPO) of Adani Enterprise, the largest ever in India's corporate history.

It was subscribed just 1% on the first day of subscription as current share prices of the

stocks has fallen below the FPO price.

"The entire gloom (of last week) can be attributed to the Adani Group's mayhem, which has lost ₹4 lakh crore in market capitalisation in the last two trading sessions following the publication of a research report with red flags by Hindenburg...The market will continue to monitor Adani Group, whose stock price has fallen below the floor price of its FPO," said Santosh Meena, Head of Research, Swastika Investmart. Adani Stocks fell in the range of 5-20% on Friday, erasing its market capitalisation by over ₹3 lakh crore in a single session. Owing to this fall, equity market benchmarks- Sensex and Nifty- plummeted about 2.50% each last week.

Beside Adani-Hindenburg tussle, investors will keenly watch the Union Budget and the outcome of US Federal Reserve Meeting.

"The coming week is going to be critical not only for the financial markets but for the economy as well due to the scheduled Union Budget on February 1. Besides, participants will be eyeing the outcome of the US Fed meet on the same day," said Ajit Mishra, VP - Technical Research, Religare Broking Ltd.

Adani's 'detailed' rebuttal of Hindenburg report

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IN a fresh salvo fired by the Adani Group ahead of the most crucial Monday trading session that could make or mar the Adani Enterprises' Follow-on Offer (FPO), the group on late Sunday night came up with a 'detailed' response to Hindenburg Research report.

The Adani group has in its latest response termed the allegations by Hindenburg as "selective regurgitations of public disclosures or rhetorical innuendos colouring rumours as fact". The company says that of the 88 questions asked by the report, 65 of these relate to matters that have been duly disclosed by Adani Portfolio companies in their annual reports available on their websites, offering memorandums, financial statements and stock exchange disclosures from time to time. On many questions around related party and other transactions, the group in its response says that these transactions are "compliant with law, fully disclosed and on proper commercial terms".

"These disclosures have already been approved by third parties who are qualified and competent to review these (rather than an unknown overseas shortseller) and are in line with applicable accounting standards and applicable law," it further says.

It cited the question raised over a related party transaction between Adani Enterprises and its subsidiary NQXT. It says "a fully disclosed transaction of Adani Enterprises' subsidiary with NQXT to pay a standard security deposit for use of terminals has been questioned." Hindenburg seems to suggest, says the Adani Group, that NQXT should provide Adani Enterprises long term terminals for no charges at all – a transaction that would amount to providing a benefit to a related party without arm's length terms. On Hindenburg's claims about offshore entities being related parties of the group without regard for applicable law and standards, the group in its response says that the queries make reckless statements without any evidence whatsoever and purely on unsubstantiated speculations without any understanding of the Indian laws around related parties and related party transactions. On questions raised over the governance practices in Adani portfolio, it says the group has instituted various corporate governance policies and committees including our Corporate Responsibility Committee consisting solely of independent directors tasked with keeping the Board of Directors informed about the ESG performance of businesses.

On the charges of share market speculation, it says that the listed entity does not have control over who buys / sells / owns the publicly traded shares in the company. "A listed company does not have nor is it required to have information on its public shareholders and investors," it added. On the allegations that the group company has engaged an unknown audit firm to audit its books, the group says that The Statutory Auditors are appointed only upon recommendation by the Audit Committee to the Board of Directors.

Best morning of my life: Sabalenka celebrates Slam win

Australian Open champ Aryna Sabalenka didn't get much sleep Saturday night after a come-from-behind victory, but you wouldn't have known it early on the morning after. Resplendent in a glamorous pink dress, she took to a boat and glided around a lake with the Daphne Akhurst Memorial Cup clutched firmly in hand. "I think it's the best morning of my life. It's so beautiful," she said.

Shafali Verma (Captain) • Shweta Sehrawat (V-C) • Richa Ghosh (WK) • G Trisha • Soumya Tiwari • Sonia Mendhiya • Yashasri • Hrishita Basu (WK) • Sonam Yadav • Mannat Kashyap • Archana Devi • Parshavi Chopra • Titas Sadhu • Falak Naz • Shabnam MD

THE CHAMPIONS

India Women's U-19 team celebrate their historic T20 World Cup victory on Sunday. The Indian cricket board has announced ₹5 crore award for their effort | ICC

GOMESH S @ Chennai

WHEN India skipper Shafali Verma got out while India were chasing 69 there was no panic in the India team. Their pursuit of glory was still within grasp in the final of the inaugural ICC U-19 Women's T20 World Cup final at Potchefstroom on Sunday. Even when Shweta Sehrawat, the batting star of the tournament, got out, the dressing room did not freak out.

Because out in the middle were Soumya Tiwari and G Trisha — the two who knew what was needed to be done. They have spent enough time together to know each other's game. Trisha (24) and Soumya (24 n.o) ensured there were no further hiccups as India cruised towards the title. Just to put the match into context, their bowlers had done their job. Titas Sadhu, the pacer from Bengal, had set the stage with a splendid new ball spell, finishing with 2/6 in her four overs before spinners completed the job.

A seven-wicket win to bring home the World Cup trophy — the one that has eluded their coach Nooshin Al Khadeer when she was in the same country 18 years ago as a player, then again in 2017 against the same opposition at Lord's and again in 2020 versus Australia. In fact, their captain Shafali and Richa Ghosh know what it is like to be on the other side of the result.

This, however, is the new generation players who don't panic. There is no fear or overawed by the occasion. Their confidence at times can be scary too. Some of them, Shabnam MD for example, weren't even born when Nooshin was playing in 2005. Though they have had their share of struggle getting into the sport, but in the the past couple of years they have left all that behind. Their mission was to win the U19 World Cup. In the lead up to the tournament, most of them were even competing against each other for a place in the squad.

Over the past nine months, the BCCI has had several zonal camps from which the players were shortlisted to the main camp at the National Cricket Academy. There they trained under the same coach — Nooshin. Players got to spend a lot of time together and bond. And before travelling to South Africa, they played a quadrangular series with Sri Lanka and West Indies and bilaterals against New Zealand at home and the hosts SA. To be precise, none of the other top teams had as much game-time together as India had had.

Coming to the coach — Nooshin. She has not lost a single tournament in the last two seasons whether it is with Railways in the domestic circuit or in the Women's T20 Challenge last year. But before going to the WC, she knew the challenges. And as Shafali said, she was there with the team every single day to remind them why they are there and what their goal was.

Perhaps, the biggest takeaway from this triumph is the kind of talent pool that is there in the country. When Shafali and Richa were included in the squad at the last minute without spending much time in any of the earlier camps, it raised a lot of eyebrows. But this group of teenagers smashed all the doubts with every single match through the tournament. It was Shweta who finished as the top runscorer with 297 runs at a strike rate of 139.43 in seven innings. Shafali was third on the list, with Soumya and Trisha stepping up in crucial matches. And then there are Parshavi Chopra, the second leading wicket-taker with 11 scalps, Mannat Kashyap and Archana Devi — the trio who spun a web around opponent batters.

Everything about the U19 Women's T20 World Cup was going to be historic. It was happening for the first time. For the past 15 days, irrespective of where each team finished and how each player performed, they are all going to be a part of history. But in the end, there is only one winner — India. They have turned a new page in the history of Indian women's cricket.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Brief scores: England Women U-19 68 (Ryana 19; Titas 2/6, Parshavi 2/13, Archana 2/17) lost to India Women U-19 69/3 (Soumya 24 n.o, Gongadi 24).

22K GOLD: SUPER NOVAK

HOWARD FENDRICH @Melbourne

NOVAK DJOKOVIC found this trip to Australia far less complicated, and far more successful, than that of a year ago.

Unable to enter his best event in 2022 after being deported from the country because he was not vaccinated against Covid-19, Djokovic accomplished all he could have wanted in his return: He resumed his winning ways at Melbourne Park and made it back to the top of tennis.

Only briefly challenged in the final on Sunday night, Djokovic was simply better at the most crucial moments and beat Stefanos Tsitsipas 6-3, 7-6 (4), 7-6 (5) for a record-extending 10th Australian Open championship and record-tying 22nd Grand Slam title overall. As a bonus, Djokovic will vault from No. 5 to No. 1 in the ATP rankings, a spot he already has held for more weeks than any other man.

"I want to say this has been one of the most challenging tournaments I've ever played in my life, considering the circumstances. Not playing last year; coming back this year," Djokovic said, wearing a zip-up white jacket with a "22" on his chest. "And I want to thank all the people that made me feel welcome, made me feel comfortable, to be in Melbourne, to be in Australia." And a moment later, he uttered a statement that is truly significant, given all the 35-year-old from Serbia has done on a tennis court: "This probably is the, I would say, biggest victory of my life."

Djokovic stretched his unbeaten streak in Melbourne to 28 matches, the longest run there in the Open era, which dates to 1968. He adds trophy No. 10 to the seven from Wimbledon, three from the U.S. Open — where he also was absent last year because of no coronavirus shots — and two at the French Open, to match rival Rafael Nadal for the most by a man.

Only two women — Margaret Court, with 24, and Serena Williams, with 23 — are ahead of him. This was also the 93rd ATP tour-level title for Djokovic, breaking a tie with Nadal for the fourth-most.

"I would like to thank you for pushing our sport so far," Tsitsipas told Djokovic.

Djokovic was participating in his 33rd major final, Tsitsipas in his second — and the 24-year-old from Greece's other one also ended in a loss to Djokovic, at the 2021 French Open.

Superior throughout on this cool evening under a cloud-filled sky, Djokovic was especially so in the two tiebreakers. He took a 4-1 lead in the first, then reeled off the last three points. He led 5-0 in the closing tiebreaker and, when it finished, he pointed to his temple before climbing into the stands, where he pumped his fist and jumped with his coach, Goran Ivanisevic, and other members of the entourage, then collapsed, crying. When Djokovic returned to the playing surface, he sat on his sideline bench, buried his face in a white towel, and sobbed some more.

Little doubt this is of no solace to Tsitsipas, but there is no shame in failing to defeat Djokovic in Melbourne. Challenging his dominion on those blue hard courts is every bit the monumental task that taking on Nadal on the red clay at Roland Garros is. Perhaps surprisingly, Tsitsipas was willing to engage in the kind of leg-wearying, lung-searing back-and-forths upon which Djokovic has built his superlative career. How did that work out? Of points lasting at least five strokes, Djokovic won 43, Tsitsipas 30.

There has been more than forehands and backhands on Djokovic's mind over the past two weeks. There was the not-so-small matter of last year's legal saga — he has alternately acknowledged the whole thing served as a form of motivation but also said the other day, "I'm over it" — and curiosity about the sort of reception he would get when allowed to go to Australia this time because pandemic restrictions were eased.

There was the sore left hamstring that has been heavily bandaged for every match — until the final. And then there was the more complicated matter of his father, Srdjan, being filmed with a group of people with Russian flags — one with an image of Vladimir Putin — after Djokovic's quarterfinal. Djokovic and his father said it was a misunderstanding; Srdjan thought he was with Serbian fans. *AP*

Leading Grand Slam men's singles champions

22	Rafael Nadal Novak Djokovic	(ESP), (SRB)
20	Roger Federer	(SUI)
14	Pete Sampras	(USA)
12	Roy Emerson	(AUS)
11	Rod Laver Bjorn Borg	(AUS), (SWE)
10	Bill Tilden	(USA)

DJOKOVIC HAUL

Australian Open: (2008, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2015, 2016, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2023)

Wimbledon: (2011, 2014, 2015, 2018, 2019, 2021, 2022)

US Open: (2011, 2015, 2018)

French Open: (2016, 2021)

Result: Men's singles final: Novak Djokovic (SRB x4) bt Stefanos Tsitsipas (GRE x3) 6-3, 7-6 (4), 7-6 (5).

I have to say this has been one of the most challenging tournaments I've ever played considering the circumstances, not playing last year, coming back this year. I want to thank all the people that made me feel welcome, comfortable, to be in Melbourne. — Novak Djokovic

Czech republic pair maintain dominance

Czech top seeds Barbora Krejcikova and Katerina Siniakova successfully defended their women's doubles crown on Sunday to extend their dominant Grand Slam streak. The pair outgunned Japan's 10th-seeded Shuko Aoyama and Ena Shibahara 6-4, 6-3 to post their 24th straight win at a major after triumphing last year at the Australian Open, Wimbledon and US Open.

Germany make final comeback

Germany players rejoice after their win against Belgium | SHIBA PRASAD SAHU

PENALTY SHOOTOUT ORDER

GERMANY 5		4 BELGIUM
Prinz Thies	✓ ✗	Cosyns Tanguy
Wellen Niklas	✓ ✓	Van Aubel Florent
Grambusch Mats	✗ ✓	Kina Antoine
Prinz Thies	✓ ✓	Cosyns Tanguy
Miltkau Marco	✗ ✗	Wegnez Victor
Müller Hannes	✓ ✗	De Sloover Arthur
Wellen Niklas	✓ ✓	Van Aubel Florent

RESULTS

Final: German 3-3 Belgium (*Germany won 5-4 in penalty shootout*).

3rd-4th: Australia 1-3 Netherlands

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN @Bhubaneswar

THE cruel irony is the International Hockey Federation (FIH) still struggles to make money from the World Cup. After a series of dazzling matches identified Belgium and Germany as the two finalists, they served up one of the great finals of all time. The result wasn't known till the last action of the match, the 14th penalty in the shootout which Tanguy Cosyns put wide. It meant Germany had prevailed 5-4 in the shoot-out after a see-saw game finished 3-3 after 60 minutes.

Even when Belgium raced into a 2-0 lead inside the first 10 minutes, you knew what Germany would do. They have been notoriously slow starters. It's obviously not a tactic of theirs to be 0-2 down in every match but the difference between them and others is they don't panic. That's what has allowed them to flourish in the knock-out stages. Here also they took their time before scoring two with half-time sandwiching both goals.

It was also a period of time which saw the game turn towards Germany. The Honamas, who have now won three World Cups, were doing their thing again.

Asiad qualifying event for Paris Oly

THE Asian Games will be the qualifying event for the Olympics in Paris next year. FIH president Ikram Tayyab on Sunday said, the hockey venue for the Hangzhou Asian Games later this year is almost ready and there is no ambiguity about the continental multi-sport event being a qualifier for the 2024 Paris Olympics. "The Games is 100 per cent on," he said.

But, unlike in the previous games against Australia or England, the Honamas were making the play from earlier in the match. They did have the chance to halve the deficit from the spot in the 18th minute but goalkeeper Vincent Vanasch produced a splendid save to tip it onto the post. Ten minutes later, they did find the net as Niklas Wellen, who has been the forward of the tournament, finished from close range after Germany had a penalty corner.

Now, Belgium are happiest when they have control of the ball, control of the pitch and have the opponents ahead of them. They like nothing more than when they play the game at their pace. Germany, though, changed the rhythm. They were playing fast, mixing it up with aerial balls, frequent switches of play, pressing high up the field... It resulted in Belgium losing control of the match. With Belgium rattled, Germany found the key to restore parity thanks to Gonzalo Peillat's fierce finish from the top of the D. Two minutes into the fourth quarter, they were in dreamland as the inspirational Mats Grambusch found the board from a very narrow angle. Belgium, though, did not allow their hearts to sink. They kept believing in their processes — they train for situations like this so they do not panic if they are behind in a World Cup final with 120 seconds remaining — and they got their reward. Tom Boon equalised from a penalty corner to make it 3-3. In the end, though, Germany prevailed just like they had done against England via shoot-outs.

Brighton inflict more misery on Liverpool

AGENCIES @ Brighton

LIVERPOOL'S disastrous season suffered another blow on Sunday as the holders were dumped out the FA Cup by a 2-1 defeat at Brighton.

Kaoru Mitoma's brilliant control and finish in stoppage time earned the Seagulls a place in the fifth round.

Liverpool had led at the Amex through Harvey Elliott, but have now won just once in their last six games.

Lewis Dunk levelled before the break for Brighton and they were well worthy of the victory given to them by a moment of magic from Mitoma. The Japanese winger cushioned Pervis Estupinan's cross into his path, flicked the ball over Joe Gomez and fired high past Alisson Becker in the 92nd minute.

Liverpool are languishing in ninth in the Premier League, 21 points behind pacesetters Arsenal.

Their FA Cup exit leaves the Champions League as their only remaining shot at a trophy this season.

Last season Jurgen Klopp's men were on the brink of a historic quadruple, which included their first FA Cup triumph in 16 years.

But Klopp is still searching for answers to halt their decline after a second defeat on the south coast in 15 days.

Dembele blow for Barca

GIRONA: Barcelona winger Ousmane Dembele may miss his team's Europa League tie against Manchester United after sustaining a quadriceps injury on Saturday. Dembele was substituted after 25 minutes of the Spanish league leaders' 1-0 win at Girona in La Liga and the club confirmed his injury later.

Spinners, SKY help India post win

ENS/AGENCIES @ Lucknow

IT was a nervous chase for India. Even in-form batter Suryakumar Yadav had put aside his usual flashy side and was forced to operate with caution. But thanks to him, the home side posted a vital win on Sunday.

India won the second T20I against New Zealand in Lucknow by six wickets and just a ball to spare. Suryakumar finished with an unbeaten 26 off 31 balls. With 3 runs required of the last two balls, it was a tricky phase for the Indian batters in the middle. Blair Tickner was sticking to plan and bowling with plenty of discipline. Suryakumar had faced a dot ball in the second ball of the last over. Hardik Partner, his partner at the other end, was also finding it hard and had also risked his wicket while taking a single that was not there for the taking in the fourth delivery of that particular over. The situation was tense for the home camp.

Suryakumar's boundary, just over mif-off, in the end brought a huge sigh of relief for the home fans. Suryakumar was adjudged Player of the Match for his crucial knock.

Indian players celebrate the dismissal of New Zealand's Ish Sodhi on Sunday | AP

Brief Scores: New Zealand 99/8 (Santer 19 n.o, Chapman 14, Bracewell 14; Arshdeep 2/7) lost to India 101/4 (Suryakumar 26 n.o, Ishan 19, Hardik 15 n.o; Bracewell 1/13).

Earlier, Indian spinners impressed on a rank turner to limit a self-destructing New Zealand to 99 for eight, their lowest total against the hosts.

With the pitch offering sharp turn, captain Hardik decided to employ spinners from both ends in the powerplay after opening the bowling himself.

Wrist spinners Kuldeep Chahal (1/17) and Yuzvendra Chahal (1/4) extracted a lot out of the Lucknow surface while finger spinner Washington Sundar (1/17) produced another tidy spell.

Pacer Arshdeep Singh did well to take wickets in his two tough overs and conceded only eight runs.

EXPRESS READ

Rain denies Ind-SA tri-series contest

EAST LONDON: India's match against South Africa ahead of their Women's T20I Tri-series summit clash was abandoned following heavy showers here. Having already sealed their berth in Thursday's final, this match was a dress rehearsal for both the teams.

WA puts forward transgender proposals

PARIS: World Athletics has proposed continuing to allow transgender women to compete in the female category of international events, taking a different approach from other sports that have banned transgender athletes from elite meet.

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DAY'S DIARY

Olympian sentenced

Former Olympic diver Bruce Kimball was sentenced in 1989 to 17 years in prison for the deaths of two teenagers and injuries to three others in a drunken driving accident

AT THE COURT

Kimball had pleaded no contest on two counts of driving under the influence-manslaughter and three counts of causing great bodily injury while driving under the influence

SERVING TIME

Kimball was released in 1993 from a Miami drug treatment centre. He served time in a state prison, then transferred to a halfway house where he spent time coaching youngsters to swim

AHEAD OF OLYMPIC TRIAL

The accident came as Kimball was in training to qualify for the 1988 US Olympic diving team. He was released on bond. Kimball failed to qualify

GREAT EXPECTATIONS

Ahead of the upcoming Union Budget on Feb 1, entrepreneurs in the city share their expectations with **Tunir Biswas**

ANIKET BAJPAI,
CO-FOUNDER, LIMECHAT

Despite all the problems regarding increased inflation rates and halted global supply chains in 2022, it has been encouraging to see that the Indian government has continued to support the startup ecosystem in the country. As a result, the e-commerce industry in India has seen a fantastic explosion, and despite the occasional spikes in physical shopping trends, the convenience of e-commerce is here to stay. For D2C brands to remain competitive in an environment, the next step would be to continue aggressively on the path of automation, R&D, and wider adoption of AI in every possible sector. The government's attitude towards tech and AI has been positive and we hope the Budget will be reflective of this.

PARAG DATTA,
CEO and co-founder,
Roadster Hospitality

The F&B industry would expect an input tax credit for GST, as we are the only industry that does not get the benefit. The other areas could be providing incentives to food concessionaires to encourage Indian brands over wealthier international brands in the restaurant business. Furthermore, startups need a relaxation in the form of a moratorium in debt repayment, so we can build more units and compete with bigger brands in the organised sector.

EXPRESS ILLUSTRATION

PRACHOTAN DL,
CO-FOUNDER AND HEAD OF OPERATIONS, BHANZU

As a startup, we expect to see more employee skill development schemes, which will aid people to have more employment opportunities. Creating some tax policies that would help people start things on their own would also help. In my opinion, it is something the government can easily facilitate. Some of these developments would really help flourish the startup ecosystem in India.

M PARTHASARATHY,
CEO, AUGIE

One change we are expecting is the reduction of customs duty on pet food, treats and accessories to five per cent instead of 30. Special incentives should be created for the pet industry as well.

RICHA SINGH, CEO AND CO-FOUNDER, YOURDOST

Overall, the total health budget estimate for the 2022-23 year was `86,200.65 crore, out of which, `83,000 crore has been allocated to the Department of Health and Family Welfare (mental health is a division in said department). While mental health concerns have plunged in the recent past, we certainly believe that this year, we will have more holistic contributions, specifically in the mental health section to reduce the existing treatment gap. As a mental health entrepreneur, the Budget must acknowledge the increase in mental health issues in India. So, the budget for mental health should allocate resources for the holistic treatment while creating provisions to use PSR budgets on health/mental health initiatives for underprivileged sections. Another key incorporation would be the exemption or reduction of GST on counselling services. This will ensure greater affordabillity of quality services.

SEEMA HARSHA, COO and co-founder, Indiassetz

Many women entrepreneurs in the real estate sector face difficulty in accessing funding for their projects. We expect that more funding options, such as government grants and loans, should be made available to them. Tax incentives for them in the real estate segment should be increased to encourage more women participation in the industry. Educational and training programmes tailored to the real estate industry should be made available to help them develop the skills needed to succeed in the field. Government support and recognition for women entrepreneurs in the real estate industry should be increased to help promote their businesses. Most importantly, low-cost houses must be promoted by the government, which are meant for women who have had a bad experience in their lives. Even at the builder level, there must be a provision that a certain portion of the property is set aside for women in particular.

GRUB HUB

Avin Thaliath (@chef_avin), pastry chef and the director of Lavonne Academy of Baking Science And Pastry Arts, dishes out a food-related quiz in this weekly series. Be a real 'whisk' taker and let us know if you have what it bakes. Who knows, your dreams may crumb true.

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THE RIGHT ANSWERS

1) Belgaum Kunda
2) Payesh
3) Karidaa-antu

FIRST 3 TO GET IT RIGHT

1) Jaikishan N
2) Ramit Batra
3)Rama Rao

Athiya Shetty, who got married to city-based cricketer KL Rahul recently, wore a Kanjeevaram saree from a Bengaluru boutique

Athiya Shetty with her mother Mana Shetty

SAREE STORY

MONIKA MONALISA

ACTOR Athiya Shetty and Bengaluru-based cricketer KL Rahul's wedding pictures are straight from a fairytale wedding. The duo tied the knot on January 23, at the Khandala mansion of her father, Suniel Shetty in the presence of close family and friends. After the wedding, the new bride dropped pictures of her muhurat look where she donned a Kanjeevaram saree. With clean and dewy makeup, Athiya has set the mood board for brides to be.

A handwoven gold traditional Kanjeevaram with a fuschia pink pallu, the saree that has been much talked about, comes from city-based Madhurya Creations, a heritage revival boutique. Bharathy Harish, the managing director, says, "Normally, they don't go for just two choices, they have so many and try them all on," says an elated Harish.

She reveals that the saree is a creation of the boutique and was not customised for the occasion. However, she picked the saree based on the requirements of the bride. "One thing the Shetty family had told me was that the muhurta was going to be intimate and traditional. The family hails from South India and they wanted the ceremony with their traditions. This is her first-ever saree look and she wanted to have a traditional one preferably in gold and pink. They saw so many sarees but what they liked about this one was its soft texture," she says.

The main feature of the saree lies in its simplicity which is what appealed to Athiya. "Less is more. We tend to have highly intricate work on our sarees, which makes them simple yet beautiful," Harish.

Even if the saree was not customised for the bride, people can still pre-book it and own a version of it. "We can get it woven in typically two months. The wait period is six-eight weeks because they are handloom sarees," says Harish, adding that these sarees are priced from ₹45,000 onwards depending on the extent of gold that is used and the time invested on the weave, softness of the saree, quality of the silk. Athiya's saree was priced at ₹68,000. "Not just the bride, even her mother Mana Shetty, who was wearing a white Gadwal silk with red border, got it from here," Harish adds.

ASLAM GAFOOR

(The writer is a Bengaluru-based hospitality professional, food lover and travel enthusiast)

Burst of flavours

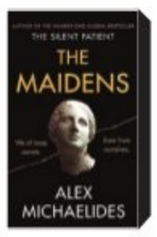
FROM traditional food to gourmet cuisine, food festivals and limited menus are excellent ways to explore the diverse gastronomic choices at restaurants in the city. They provide a great opportunity to sample a variety of new flavours while celebrating everything from regional cuisine to unique ingredients and food categories.

The Taste of Coorg at The Park, Bangalore celebrates the rich Kodava food with visiting guest chef Shimon Nanjappa. Coorg, also known as Kodagu, is renowned for its hearty micro cuisine strongly inspired by local agriculture and traditional cooking techniques. The native cuisine uses products like jackfruit, bamboo shoots, wild honey, and Kachampuli vinegar along with locally-grown spices like black pepper and cardamom. Chef Shimon's home kitchen in Madikeri offers authentic local food based on sustainable food practices which she will recreate at this food festival together with the hotel's executive chef Arvind Kumar. A few of the dishes available a-la-carte are the sigdi meen barthad (prawn), kummu nallamallu fry (mushroom), koli soup (chicken), koli kari (chicken), kori yerchi nallamallu fry (lamb), pandi curry (pork), kadambuttu (steamed rice dumpling), akki roti (rice flour flatbread) and tarkari palav, all accompanied with a variety of homemade pickles and chutneys. You can round off this soul-satisfying meal with bella paputtu and cardamom custard desserts. This is ongoing until February 5.

To commemorate Republic Day, Shangri-La Bengaluru along with plant-based protein brand Evolved, and conscious retail store and farm-to-table restaurant chain Go Native, have curated a locally-inspired vegetarian afternoon tea at the Lobby Lounge. This Rooted In Nature Hi-Chai brings to mind the long-gone chai nashta evening custom, in which families would gather each evening to enjoy tea, coffee, and savouries. Aloo patta sprout chaatlets, quinoa kerai vada with chutney, ghee roast plant meat samosa, and plant protein masala puffs are just a few of the delectable items on the menu. Diners can also enjoy Mysore pak cheesecake, thinnai halwa tarts, and Coorg coffee mousse on choux paired with unlimited servings of masala chai, filter kaapi, sulaimani chai masala shikanji, or kokum cooler. This is ongoing through April.

On the other hand, foodies are in for a scrumptious pizza treat at Alba in JW Marriott Bengaluru. The La Pizzeria Limited Edition menu is served by the hotel's chefs at the Italian fine dining establishment, and it truly embraces our love for this Italian delicacy. Giving a fresh twist, the pizzas will be topped with international flavours like the exotic Lebanese lamb shish kebab pizza, the Japanese Teriyaki pizza, the unique sambal prawn pizza, or even the Indian paneer tikka pizza. Naturally, each of these wood-fired delicacies is hand-tossed with a choice of a modern New York-style base or a traditional Neapolitan base. This is ongoing until February 12.

BOOK NOOK

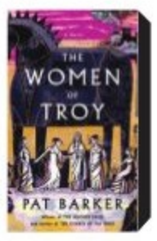


THE MAIDENS
by Alex Michaelides

In this play of Greek mythology and mystery, *Maidens* tells the story of Mariana Andros and her investigations into the murder of a college student belonging to the secret society Maidens.

THINGS WE GOT OVER
by Lucy Score

As Naomi Witt tries to rediscover herself after quitting a toxic relationship, she becomes enchanted by Knox Morgan, a wealthy bar owner, whose attractiveness, isolated lifestyle, and bad-boy demeanour draws her into him.



THE WOMEN OF TROY
by Pat Barker

A daring and timely feminist retelling of the *Iliad* from the perspective of the women of Troy who survived it. It is the sequel to the bestselling novel *The Silence of the Girls*

A SUITABLE BOY
by Vikram Seth

Set in the backdrop of post-independent, post-partition India, the novel goes through four families and centres on Mrs. Rupa Mehra's efforts to arrange the marriage of her younger daughter, Lata, to a 'suitable boy'.

WHAT WHEN WHY WHERE

Digital Marketing

This session is aimed at helping you understand the fundamentals of digital marketing and guide you into starting your career as a skilled digital marketer.

WHERE: Virtual
WHEN: January 30 onwards
DETAILS: insider.in

Whodunnit?

The date is 1921, you are an 18-year-old Sherlock Holmes on your maiden investigation – the murder of Lord Harrington in Chapelgate Manor. You must work together to investigate the manor, solving riddles and clues to uncover the mystery.

WHERE: Virtual
WHEN: January 30 onwards
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Spill the Paint

In this workshop, learn the art of painting the Sun god in the mata ni pachedi style. Practised by nomadic Vaghari community of Gujarat, the workshop is about a particular kind of painting on a fabric.

WHERE: Virtual
WHEN: January 30, 11am
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Lil Theatre

Based on a folk tale, *Heegoonoo Agabahudu*, a children's play unfolds when two princes of Simhapuri fight over a flying horse. Their strife results in the king succumbing to illness and the kingdom being cut into two halves.

WHERE: Ravindra Kalakhetra, JC Road
WHEN: January 30, 7pm
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Comedy Club

Watch Bengaluru's local comedians perform their new material.

WHERE: Klayworkz Barista, JP Nagar
WHEN: January 30, 8pm
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Emotionally Intelligent

Feroza Engineer takes you on a journey of diving deep into our minds, our thoughts, our reactions, and the science and history behind who we are.

WHERE: Virtual
WHEN: January 30 onwards
DETAILS: insider.in

Sing along

A late night karaoke party in Koramangala where you can buy a redeemable ticket and sing your heart out.

WHERE: Multiple Pickup Points
WHEN: January 30, 10pm
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Short Selling

Learn about the stock market, forex trading, and short selling through multiple informative examples at this workshop.

WHERE: Virtual
WHEN: January 30 onwards
DETAILS: insider.in

OLD-WORLD GLORY

Vintage vehicles take part in 'Historic Vehicles Drive 2023' organised by ITC Hotels in association with Federation of Historic Vehicles of India | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

QUICK FIX

STRAWBERRY JAM

INGREDIENTS

- **Strawberry:** 500 g
- **White sugar/brown sugar:** 10 tbsp, or as per sweetness preference

METHOD

- In a non-stick pan, put in all the strawberries and let it simmer. After five-ten minutes, add the sugar and keep stirring.
- Once the strawberries exhibit a jam-like consistency, switch off the gas. Some strawberry pieces may still be half-cooked. It adds to the jammy effect.
- When the jam cools down, transfer it into an air-tight, clean container. Store it in a cool place. Since there are no preservatives, the jam should be consumed within a week to ten days.

What's cooking in your kitchen?

We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com

FIT BIT

SUKHASANA VARIATION ARMS KNEES
(EASY POSE VARIATION ARMS KNEES)

It is a common meditation and pranayama pose with palms resting on the respective knees. This facilitates sitting taller with a straight back comfortably for longer. It is considered as a foundation pose to set an intention to follow any yoga sequence.

STEPS

- Releasing the body from Side Fetal Pose, come to sit in Sukhasana.
- Keep the palms resting, either in chin or jnana mudra, on the respective knees with controlled and rhythmic breathing.
- Ending the sequence with breathing techniques is important to calm the sympathetic nervous system, to reduce the adrenalin level, to reduce stress hormone, to improve proper functioning of the various organs related to the secretion of the hormones and relax the overall nerves of the body.
- Seated in Sukhasana, take 8 rounds of breathing to bring the body to relax along with the breathing while you watch the filling of air in the abdomen.

BENEFITS

- Strengthens the spine and easily crosses legs, stretching the knees and ankles.
- It is a beautiful pose that brings stability to the body.
- It facilitates soft and smooth deep breathing by filling in maximum air into the lungs.
- It is yet the most commonly practised and essential posture in yoga.
- Develops concentration or focus for more challenging poses.
- Help to relax the day-to-day life and release stress from the mind and body.
- Cures the stiffness in the spine and shoulders.
- Increases the capacity in the lungs which can be therapeutic for asthma and other respiratory disorders.
- Keep the body balanced for the pranayama or meditation practices.
- Helps to settle into your practice with a sense of stability and balance.
- Keeps the mind attentive and alert, when practised.
- At the end of the session, it can help to cool the mind and body down.

LIMITATIONS

People with injuries or have undergone any surgery should take advice of a yoga expert.

Avoid if you have had your knee replaced.

People with knee arthritis, pain in the knees, hips, lower back, or ankle, keep support of the pillow or folded blanket. Sitting on the chair is also advisable.

By N Elumalai, PhDscholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

NOW STREAMING

REGIONAL

JAGAMEMAYA: INSTAN KARMA (Telugu)

A conman tricks a grieving widow into marriage to make instant cash. However, his life turns upside down when he unearths his wife's secret.

Cast: Dhanya Balakrishna, Teja Ainampudi, Chaitanya Rao.

Watch on: Disney+ Hotstar

CHHATRIWALI (Hindi)

A chemistry genius decides to use her skills to educate the youth on safe sex and bring about much-needed social change while looking for a job.

Cast: Rakul Preet Singh, Sumit Vyas, Satish Kaushik

Watch on: ZEE5

DRIVER JAMUNA (Tamil)

Jamuna, a cab driver, finds herself in trouble when three contract killers get in for a ride. Can she save herself from this horrific situation?

Cast: Aishwarya Rajesh, Srirajini, Adukalam Naren

Watch on: aha Tamil

DHAMAKA (Telugu)

Two total strangers who happened to look alike - one street-smart hustler, the other a wealthy corporate heir-compete for the same woman's love.

Cast: Ravi Teja, Sreeleela, Jayaram

Watch on: Netflix

BABE BHANGRA PAUNDE NE (Punjabi)

Jaggi and his friends can go to any extent to be rich. As they go from selling innovative undergarments to adopting an old man for his insurance money, life turns out to be a laughter riot.

Cast: Diljit Dosanjh, Sohail Ahmed, Sargun Mehta, Sangtar Singh

Watch on: ZEE5

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

DOCTOR G (Hindi)

Medical student Uday Gupta grudgingly joins an all-women's gynecology class, but being a good doctor and person rests on pondering his prejudice.

Cast: Ayushman Khurana, Rakul Preet Singh, Sheeba Chaddha

Watch on: Netflix

GOLD (Malayalam)

The story unravels between the incidents that occur within four days of Joshi, a mobile shop owner, purchasing a new car owing to a marriage alliance almost fixed with Radha.

Cast: Prithviraj Sukumaran, Nayanthara, Mallika Sukumaran

Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

FOREIGN

THE BRIDGE (Swedish & Danish, series)

When a woman is found murdered in the middle of Oresund Bridge on the border between Sweden and Denmark, Swedish detective Saga Noren and Martin Rohde from the Copenhagen police department are called to the scene.

Cast: Sofia Helin, Rafael Pettersson, Sarah Boberg

Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

GHODWA (Tunisian)

As his health worsens and his turbulent past comes back to haunt him, a Tunisian man finds himself reconnecting with his estranged teenage son.

Cast: Dhaffer L'Abidine, Najla Ben Abdallah, Rabeb Srairi

Watch on: Netflix

NARVIK (Norwegian)

Against the backdrop of the WWII battle, known as Hitler's first defeat, a Norwegian soldier returns home and learns a shocking truth about his wife.

Cast: Kristine Hartgen, Carl Martin Eggesbø, Christoph Gelfert Mathiesen

Watch on: Netflix

THE BANSHEES OF INISHERIN (English)

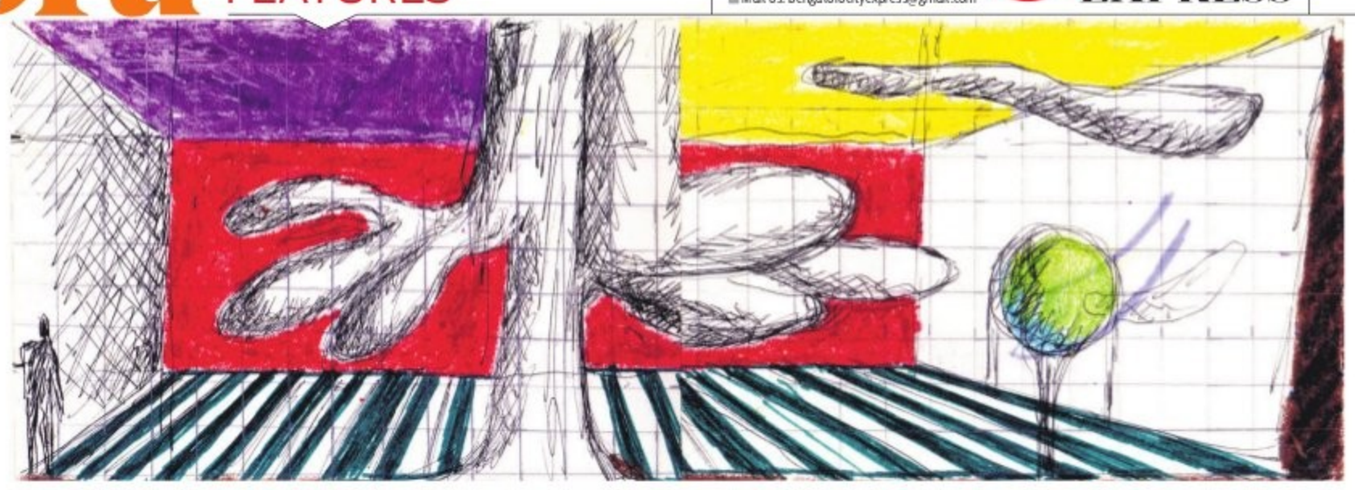
Two lifelong friends find themselves at an impasse when one abruptly ends their relationship, with alarming consequences for both of them.

Cast: Colin Farrell, Brendan Gleeson, Kerry Condon

Watch on: Disney+ Hotstar

SUBSCRIPTION

Disney+Hotstar:	₹199 for 3 months
Zee5:	₹399 for 3 months
Prime Video:	₹179 per month
Netflix:	₹149 per month



With the passing of Dr BV Doshi recently, India has lost a visionary in the world of architecture. Artist **Jitha Karthikeyan** remembers him through his works

1927 - 2023

BV DOSHI
THE ARCHITECT, THE ARTIST

> *"If you want freedom, break away from the normal conventions. Break away from all the rules - Forget history books."* — **BV Doshi**

There are a few who have walked this Earth and stood as embodiments of an era, whose existence was a source of daily inspiration and whose absence creates a void that none can ever fill. Dr Balkrishna Vithaldas Doshi, India's most celebrated architect, who passed away at 95, on Tuesday, January 24, has left an irreplaceable emptiness in the cultural soul of our country along with a rich legacy that generations to come in our country can take pride in.

Making housing affordable

Born in 1927 in Pune, BV Doshi studied architecture at the JJ School of Architecture in Mumbai and went on to design some of the most iconic buildings in India in his long and illustrious career. His journey in architecture began in 1950 when he worked for the renowned architect, Le Corbusier in Paris. On his return to India, he continued to handle Le Corbusier's projects in the country and ultimately, founded his own architectural practice. The core of his practice was to provide affordable housing to the Indian population as he had often been deeply shocked in his growing up years by the lack of adequate shelter space in Indian cities. His best known projects that symbolised his commitment to addressing this issue were The Life Insurance Corporation Housing in Ahmedabad in 1973 and the Aranya Low Cost Housing in Indore in 1989. Besides this, he had to his credit more than 100 projects like the Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore and Udaipur, and the NIFT Delhi, and many more public institutions in India.

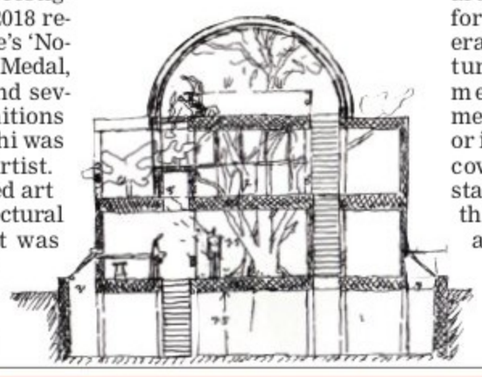
The first Indian architect to be honoured with the prestigious Pritzker Prize in 2018 referred to as architecture's 'Nobel', the 2022 Royal Gold Medal, the Padma Bhushan and several prestigious recognitions as an architect, BV Doshi was also an accomplished artist. He had in fact embraced art much before his architectural practice took wings. It was while studying art in Pune that his brilliance with line and space prompted his teacher to suggest treading the path of architecture, which eventually saw him enrolling for a degree at the JJ School.

His art practice, however, continued and personified his beliefs and the qualities contained in his architecture.

The artist within him

BV Doshi considered art as his purest form of expression. It was here that his mind was truly free and he could create a world filled with surreal architectural landscapes that were not bound by the theoretical limitations of the real world.

These dream-like compositions often resembled the instantly recognisable familiar spaces around us, like doors or windows, roads and yet, the distortion that he lent to its form transformed these shapes into mere implied suggestions, thus giving the viewer a glimpse into his thought process. Perhaps these imagined and unreal expressions were drawn from his childhood where spontaneity took precedence to meaning. The line to him was alive with movement. It was almost like he travelled through his landscapes on his lines and shapes. This movement and the need for dynamism in static drawings may have led to his sculptural practice.



His artworks made his relationship with culture, history and tradition very evident.

Doshi's practice of both art and architecture was indeed a marriage between the past and the present. He used traditional ideas to create modern spaces while taking inspiration from classic art forms like the Indian miniatures to create his artworks.

Furthering his works

The pandemic years and the lockdowns that followed the initial outbreak furthered his artistic practice and he went forth to experiment with several mediums, especially sculptures in metal. "I'm experimenting with different mediums without any baggage or ideas. So I am constantly discovering the unexpected," he stated in an interview during the period. The uncertainty and the vulnerability of the Covid years certainly made him reflect and understand the interplay between different elements, even the simplest of interactions between line and paper and how a line drawn was in some way influenced by the paper on which it was sketched.

Last year, Delhi-based Vadehra Art Gallery showcased a collection of BV Doshi's paintings, sculptures and drawings at Art Basel in Switzerland, one of the most prestigious international art fairs that is staged annually. Titled Labyrinth of Dreams, the body of works on display played with movement and emotions through colours and colourlessness, volumes and texture and forms and abstractions. The memories from various stages in his life, his travel, his ancestral home, objects connected to his past — all found their way into his work, along with the influence of his architectural projects, thus metamorphosing into an intimate experience for the viewer as well.

His paintings have also been shown at the National Gallery of Modern Art in 2014, at Shanghai in 2017, at the India Art Fair in 2019, at Chicago in 2020 and in Delhi in 2021, among many more and are part of international collections.

Dr Balkrishna Vithaldas Doshi embraced the joys of simplicity and found profound meanings in them. If his life were to be summed up in words, it would read thus: "A great man does not seek applause or place; he seeks for truth; he seeks the road to happiness, and what he ascertains, he gives to others."

As the nation mourns the loss of one of the greatest architects to have shaped the history of architecture in India, he will continue to live on through his contributions to architecture, art and the cultural landscape of the country, inspiring future generations. The man who broke away from all normal conventions to carve an extraordinary path for himself will be remembered forever for his greatness and the humility with which he carried it.

Contributions to the country

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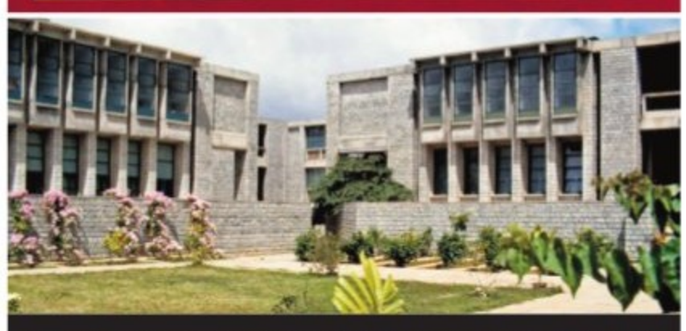

(Top & above) Artworks by BV Doshi, (below) IIM-Bangalore, (inset) BV Doshi receiving the 2022 Royal Gold Medal, (right) A sketch made by him.

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I, **JEELAN BASHA** S/o **Saheb Jan** R/at No.1135, Tower 1, 13 Floor, Prestige Sunrise Park, Brickwood, Electronic City, 1st Phase, Bengaluru- 560100 have changed my name to **JEELAN NIZAMI** vide affidavit dated: 28/1/2023 before Notary **A.Idinabba** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SHAHNAZ** W/o **Haneef Ahmed** R/at No.101, 2nd Main, 2nd Stage, West of Chord Road, Bengaluru- 560086 have changed my name to **SHAHNAZ AHMED** vide affidavit dated: 28/1/2023 Before Notary **A.Idinabba** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **PAWAN CHAMARAJ HARADI (New Name)**, residing at # Flat No.212, D S MAX Saanjh Apartment, Yellanahalli Main Road, Akshaya Nagar, Begur, Bangalore –560068, Karnataka State, India, that **I have changed my name** from **PARESH ALIAS PAWAN CHAMARAJ HARADI (Old Name)** to **PAWAN CHAMARAJ HARADI (New Name)**, henceforth I shall be known and called as **PAWAN CHAMARAJ HARADI (New Name)** only or all purpose, vide Affidavit dated: 28/01/2023, before Notary Aravind Patil G.G., Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Archana Shivpuja**, Aged about 37 years, D/o. P.C. Shekar, R/at No. 5, 2nd Cross, Dr. Masti Venkatesh Iyengar Road, Gavipuram Extn, Bangalore - 560 019, have changed my name from **Archana Shivpuja** to **Archana S Pathi** vide affidavit dated 19.1.2023 sworn to before B.G. Sriram, Advocate & Notary, at Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **DISHA KOTIAN**, Aged about 27 years, W/o. ChethanSanil, V9-9-75/2 (30), Hongirana, Ekkuru 1st Cross, Den Mac Layout, Mangalore, Kankanady, Dakshin Kannada - 575 002, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **DISHA** to **DISHA KOTIAN** vide affidavit dated 27.01.2023 sworn to before K.V. Mani, Advocate and Notary, Govt. of India, at Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MUNNANGI PRAMEELA**, Passport No. A5768540, w/o Dundi Nagi Reddy, resident No. 13/5, Opp. 1st Main road, Beside Sapthagiri Engineering College, Chikkasandra, T. Dasarahalli Bengaluru-560057, have changed my name to
DUNDI PRAMEELA REDDY
Vide Affidavit dated 28-01-2023 before Advocate and Notary Kodi Nagappaya, Bengaluru

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **PARVATHAMMA** , resident of No. 3, 5th Cross, 5th Main, Papaiah Garden, Banashankari 3rd Stage, Bangalore-560085 have changed my name to
PARVATHAMMA SHIVALINGAPPA
for all future purpose vide affidavit dated 29.01.2023 sworn to before advocate and Notary CN Balasubramanyam, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **ARUN K PREMI**, and resident of 17125 Prestige Song of the South, Begur Main Road, Yelenahalli, Bengaluru 560068 KARNATAKA have changed my name to
ARROON PRREMI
vide affidavit dated 28.01.2023 sworn to before advocate and Notary CN Balasubramanyam, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **NASIMA AKBAR MALARIYA**, W/o. **Akbar Saleh Mohmed,** R/at Golden Nest Apartment 4th Floor, 401, 1st 'C' Main Road, Gokul 1st Stage 3rd Phase Near LCR School, Yeshwanthpur, Bangalore-560022, have changed my name to **NASIMA MALARIYA,** vide affidavit dt:28.01.2023 before Notary **H.S. Sakalesh Aradhya,** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, ASHA, have changed my name from **CHAVAN ASHA LAXMAN** to **ASHA** vide affidavit sworn before Notary A.R.Muneer Ahmed, Bangalore, Dated 28/01/2023.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, SMT. RASHMI KHAITAN , W/o. Rohit khaitan. Age 36 years, Residing at No-501, Ground Floor, Sugana Upper Crest Near Globle College, Rajarajeshwarinagar, Bengaluru-98. do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **DHANALAXMI DODAMANI TO RASHMI KHAITAN.** vide affidavit dated 24/01/2023 sworn before advocate & Notary S.R. ThulasiKrishna, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Mr. T. MALLIKARJUN REDDY**, Son of Mr. T. Mahananda Reddy, Aged about 43 years, presently residing at Flat No. 305, 3rd Floor, Icon Apartment, Kempapura Main Road, Bangalore - 560 037, Karnataka, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **TATIPARTHY MALLIKARJUN / T. MALLIKARJUN** to **T. MALLIKARJUN REDDY** vide affidavit dated 27.1.2023 sworn to before N. Narayanaswamy, Advocate & Notary, at Bengaluru.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **JAMES DINESH**, S/o. John Peter, Aged about 41 years, Residing at No. 131/A2, Lake View Garden, K Channasandra, Horamavu Post, Horamavu, Bengaluru - 560 043, I further declare that my correct name is **JAMES DINESH.** That my name has been wrongly mentioned as **JAMES DINESH JOHN PETER** i.e., Surname has been mentioned along with my name (Given Name) in the Passport. Vide affidavit dated 28.1.2023 sworn to before P.N. Nagesha, Advocate & Notary, Govt. of India, at Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Pankhuri Bhardwaj**, and resident of 17125 Prestige Song of the South, Begur Main Road, Yelenahalli, Bengaluru 560068 KARNATAKA have changed my name to
PANCKHURI BHHARDWAJ
vide affidavit dated 28.01.2023 sworn to before advocate and Notary CN Balasubramanyam, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Mrs. **JANAKI RAMA RAO**, W/o. Rama Rao, aged about 67 years, Residing at No.449, 6th Cross, Bombay Dyeing Road, Gokula 1st Stage, Yeshwathpura, Bangalore-560022 have changed my name from
JANAKI to JANAKI RAMA RAO
Vide Affidavit dated 27-01-2023 sworn before Advocate and Notary D. Sarala Kumari, Bengaluru

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **FIRDOUS** W/o **Mohammed Abdulla** R/at No.38/1, Masjid Street, Papanna Muniswamy Garden, Neelasandra, Bengaluru- 560047, have changed my name to **FIRDOUS BANU** vide affidavit dated: 28/1/2023 Before Notary **A.Idinabba** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **REEMA VALLABH ARORA** and **REEMA PARUI**, W/o. Deipak Kumar, R/at Mac Manor, No.235, 5th Cross RMV 2nd Stage 2nd Block, Bengluru-560094, have changed my name to **REEMA KUMAR,** vide affidavit dt:28.01.2023 before Notary **H.S. Sakalesh Aradhya,** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) RAJANINANDAN, residing at D-04, Royal residency Apartment, No. 7/5 & 8/5, 3rd Cross, Nanjappa Layout, Vidyaranyapura, Bengaluru-560097, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) RAJANINANDAN** to **(NEW NAME) RAJANINANDAN HEGDE** vide affidavit Dated 27/01/2023 sworn before Notary Meer Hassan, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **DIVYA D** (vide Passport No.K2764392, Date of Birth: 07.10.1987), D/o. Mr. Devaraj Annaiah, W/o. Mr. Narayanaswamy Govinda Reddy, Residing at House No.60, Divya Nilaya, Pembrook Layout, near Royal Orchid School, Panathur, Bangalore-560103, Karnataka, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **DIVYA NARAYANASWAMY** to **DIVYA D** vide affidavit dated 28.1.2023 sworn to before K.V. Jagannath Reddy, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, at Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **K. DHANALAKSHMI (KRISHNACHARI DHANALAKSHMI)**, Aged about 50 years, W/o. Nagaraj C V, # 354/5, 4th Cross, 1st Main Road, Near Maramma Temple, Bagalagunte, Bangalore - 560 073, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **KALA** to **K. DHANALAKSHMI (KRISHNACHARI DHANALAKSHMI)** vide affidavit dated 22.01.2023 sworn to before K.V. Mani, Advocate and Notary, Govt. of India, at Bengaluru.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **JENIFER ASHA NANCY**, W/o. James Dinesh, Aged about 30 years, Residing at No. 131/A2, Lake View Garden, K Channasandra, Horamavu Post, Horamavu, Bengaluru - 560 043, I further declare that my correct name is **JENIFER ASHA NANCY.** That my name has been wrongly mentioned as **JENIFER ASHA NANCY JAMES DINESH** i.e., Surname has been mentioned along with my name (Given Name) in the Passport. Vide affidavit dated 28.1.2023 sworn to before P.N. Nagesha, Advocate & Notary, Govt. of India, at Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **PRITI** is legally wedded spouse of No.16021418Y, Rank-Hav, Name-SHELENDRA, presently residing at Vill-Veerpur Bandh, Post Ajaypur, Tehsil Gwalior, Distt. Gwalior (M.P) have changed my name from
PRITI to PREETI
vide affidavit dated 07/12/2022 sworn before advocate and notary Sivamkumara .M.N., Bengaluru.

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DARSHAN'S KRANTI JOINS THE ₹100 CRORE CLUB

The film, which has crossed ₹100-crore plus gross earnings through satellite, digital and theatrical rights, has been a massive hit in single screens across Karnataka

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Kranti had Harikrishna doubling up as music director. The film, starring Ravichandran, and Sumalatha in important roles, has RAchita Ram playing the female lead along with Samyuktha Hornad. [illegible]

A still from the film

Jayathirtha Jayanna, Dhanveerrah's *Kaiva* shooting wrapped up

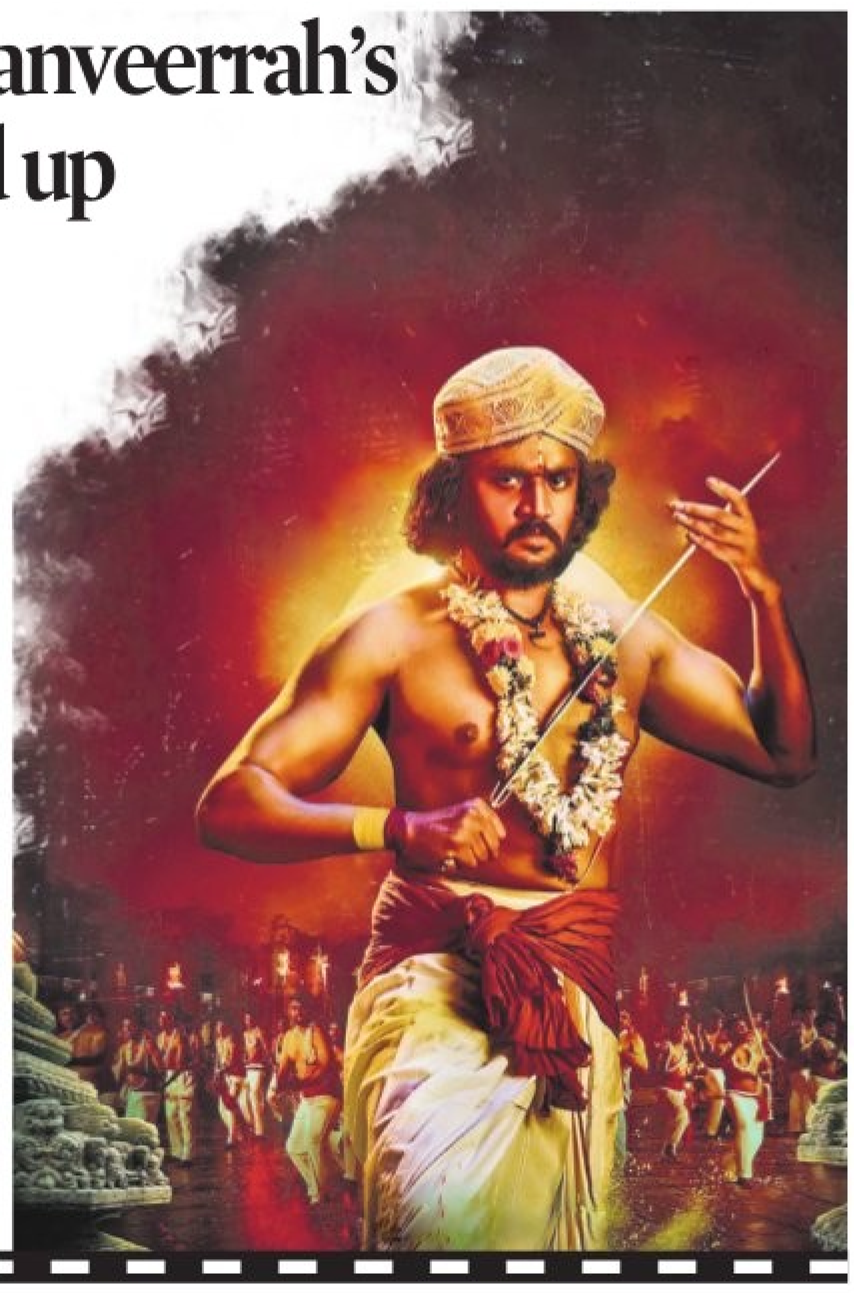
CE FEATURES

BANARAS director Jayathirtha Jayanna has completed the shooting of his next, Kaiva, at Thigalarapete in Bengaluru.

Kaiva is about the Karaga Utsav, and Jayathirtha has woven elements of crime and love into the film.

The film stars *Vamana* hero Dhanveerrah in the lead, and is set in the 80s. Inspired by the name of the god Kaivara Bheema, *Kaiva* will feature Megha Shetty as the female lead. Megha, who made a transition from teleserials to films, has already starred in films like *Tribble Riding* and *Dil Pasand*. *Kaiva* will be her third outing in Sandalwood.

Kaiva is now in the post-production phase, and a release date is expected to be out soon. With music by *Kantara* composer Ajaneesh Loknath, the cinematography of Kaiva will be handled by Shwet Priya Naik.



Veteran comedian Mandeep Rai passes away

CE FEATURES

VETERAN Kannada actor Mandeep Rai, known for his roles in films like *Pushpaka Vimana* (1987), is no more. He died of a heart attack at his residence in Bhairasandra, Bengaluru last night. He was 73.

Incidentally, he was admitted to the hospital last month for a heart-related ailment.

Mandeep, a veteran of over 500 films, has shared screenspace with illustrious names of Kannada cinema like Ananth Nag, Shankar Nag, Dr Raj Kumar, and Dr Vishnuvardhan among others.

Some of Mandeep's landmark movies include *Minchin Ota, Badada Huve, Agni IPS, Apoorva Sangama, Preethsod Tappa, Elu Suttina Kote, Gajapathiya Garvabhanga,* and *Aasegobba Meesegobba*.

Many celebrities and fans of the actor are expressing their condolences on social media.

RACER GOES ON FLOORS

Directed by debutant Bharat Vishnukant, the film stars professional superbike racer Sandesh Prasanna, and Adhvithi Shetty in the lead cast

CE FEATURES

FILMMAKER Bharat Vishnukanth is set to turn director with the upcoming film, *Racer*, which he is backing under his home banner of Bharat Films. The film, which was launched on Sunday, will star professional superbike racer Sandesh Prasanna, who will be foraying into films with this project. Interestingly, the content is woven around a real incident surrounding a person named Khaleem, a mechanic and national champion. *Racer* will also feature real bike racers, and for the first time, the sequences will be shot at the Buddh International Circuit.

Sandesh says that the director initially came to him to understand the struggle of a biker's life, and the machinations of the International Championship circuit, but eventually, he joined the lead cast.

The film also stars Adhvithi Shetty, who will be joining the sets from Tuesday. The actor, who has completed shooting for *Sugar Factory, Brahma Kamala, Iravan, Veera Samrat,* and 188, will now focus on *Racer.* "It is interesting to be part of the project, which is completely about racing. I play a talkative character, who has a very positive outlook to life, and the director has me exploring my dancing skills in this film," says Adhvithi.

With music direction by Arjun Janya and cinematography by Mysore Swamy, Racer will also star Bajrangi Loki, Kiran Shetty, Yash Shetty, Suddhi of Tagaru fame, Bala Rajawadi, and Sooraj.

Cast and crew at the muhurath of *Racer*

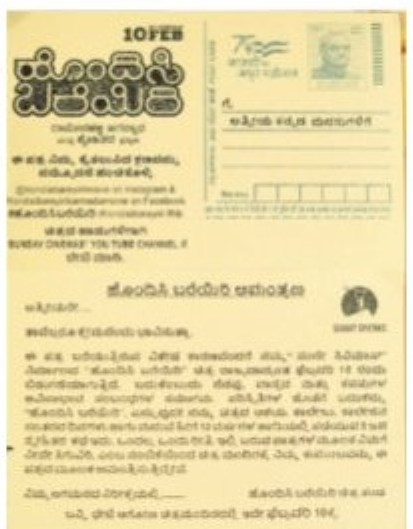
Hondisi Bareyiri director takes to letter writing to talk about the film

CE FEATURES

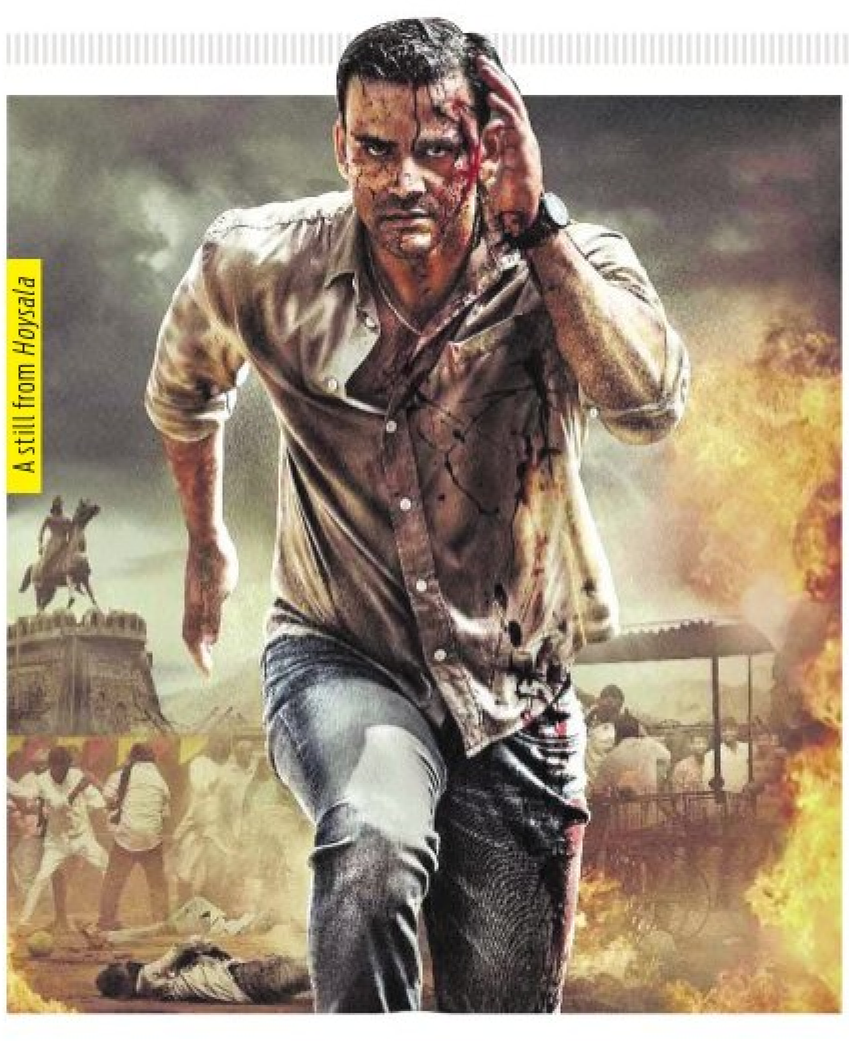
RAMENAHALLI Jagannath, an erstwhile associate of Rockline Venkatesh, is marking his directorial debut with *Hondisi Bareyiri*. The film stars Aishani Shetty, Naveen Shankar of *Gultoo* fame, *Mundina Nildana* actor Praveen Tej Bhavana, and Shri Mahadev.

Hondisi Bareyiri is slated to release on February 10, and the makers have found a unique way to talk about the film. The team has gone on the traditional way of penning thoughts through letter writing. "Writing letters is a timeless art that has been around for centuries. There's something special about receiving a handwritten letter that can't be replicated through digital communication. Letters are more personal and meaningful as they allow us to express ourselves in a more thoughtful and meaningful way. So we wanted to cherish the age-old tradition of letter writing through this film, and we are asking every cinemagoer to join the journey," says the director, and reveals that to date they have sent postcards to 12,000 people, and they are reaching out to 20,000 people, who will get information about the film's content.

Produced under the Sunday Cinema banner, *Hondisi Bareyiri* traces the 12 years' journey of various characters from their college days to their marriage, and after. "The film about relationships will offer a lot of life lessons, and how everything should be taken in our stride," he says.



Team *Hondisi Bareyiri*


A still from *Hoysala*

DHANANJAY'S *HOYSALA* STRIKES THE RIGHT CHORD

The film's music rights were bought by Anand Audio for a record price, which is said to be a high in the actor's career

CE FEATURES

DHANANJAYA has everything special going for his 25th film, *Hoysala*.

The film, which is racing for a release on March 30 is creating some noise with its audio album.

Anand Audio has brought the rights to the music for a record price, which is said to be a career-high for Dhananjaya.

Hoysala, which marks the debut of writer-director, Vinay N, has music by Ajaneesh Loknath. The film will be the second collaboration of actor Dhananjaya with KRG Studios after *Rathnan Prapancha*.

The actor and production house are also teaming up with Rohit Padaki for *Uttarakanda*, which will go on floors once Dhananjay completes his Kannada-Telugu bilingual, *Zebra*, which also stars Sathyadev.

Meanwhile, the post-production of *Hoysala*, which is set in North Karnataka, is going on in full swing.

Presented by Vijay Kiragandur's Hombale Films, and jointly produced by Karthik Gowda and Yogi G Raj, *Hoysala* has Amrutha Iyengar starring opposite Dhananjaya. The two had previously appeared in Suri's *Popcorn Monkey Tiger* and Shankar Guru's *Badava Rascal*.

Naveen Shankar, Avinash BS, Mayuri Nataraj and Pratap Narayan are also seen in the lead cast of *Hoysala*.